

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES DOCUMENT
ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE CONVERSION OF A
PORTION OF GENESEE VALLEY PARK
UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT
AS A RESULT OF THE
BROOKS LANDING REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Part II
Comments Received on the Environmental Assessment



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CITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Part II. Comments Received on the Environmental Assessment

This is Part II of two parts of comments and responses regarding an Environmental Assessment¹ (EA) for the conversion of a portion of Genesee Valley Park under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act as a result of the Brooks Landing Revitalization Project. It contains a listing (Table 1) and copies of all written comments received on the EA. All comments were reviewed by the City and its consultant. Comments of a similar nature were grouped together and assigned a number.

Responses were developed that correspond to the numbered comment or comment group. Table 1 (below) is a listing of persons providing comments on the EA during the public review period, and their associated comment/response number.

Part I of this Comments and Response document contains summaries of the comments and corresponding responses to those comments.

Some individuals requested that their names be withheld from the public record, and are so designated in Table 1.

Table 1. Listing of Respondents and Their Comments/Responses.

Letter Number	Name	Address	Comment/Response Numbers
1	Helen A. Blekkenk	938 Plymouth Ave. Rochester, NY 14608-2902	1, 2
2	Shelley E. Cochran	486 Rugby Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 4, 10, 13
3	As Requested by Commenter, Name Withheld from Public Record		5
4	Mr. Royal L. Chamberlain Mrs. Sandra A. Chamberlain	52 Evangeline Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 4, 12, 23

¹ City of Rochester, Environmental Assessment for the Conversion of a Portion of Genesee Valley Park under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act as a Result of the Brooks Landing Revitalization Project Volumes I and II, June, 2005.

Letter Number	Name	Address	Comment/ Response Numbers
5	Ayanna G. Hofmann	25 Evangeline Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3 - 6, 8 - 23
6	John Borek, Executive Director	Sector 4 Community Development Corporation 89 Genesee Street, 1 st Floor Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
7	Rosemary E. Dow 19 th Ward Community Member Community Volunteer Response Team Member Sm. Red Cross Disaster Action Team Leader PAC-TACer Former Leader Neighbors of 19 th South		6, 23
8	Adam C. McFadden City Council South District	74 Marlborough Road Rochester, NY 14619-1408	7, 6, 24
9	L. Terry Stith-Grannum	911 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 6, 7
10	Paula M. Kittelberger	50 Chandler Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
11	Ernest Kittelberger	50 Chandler Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
12	Tess Kittleberger	50 Chandler Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
13	Cathryn Kitelberger	50 Chandler Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
14	LaTanya Stamps	128 Devon Road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
15	Germaine G. Knapp President, Sojourner House	30 Millbank Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6
16	Barbara Candella	167 Georgian Ct. Road Rochester, NY 14610	6, 8
17	William F. & Barbara J. Sullivan	203 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	3, 7, 23, 24
18	Ronald J. Paprocki VP Administration & Finance & CFO University of Rochester	Wallis Hall, Room 208 PO Box 270023 Rochester, NY 14627-0023	23
19	Nathaniel & Rosa Clark		No response needed
20	Ken Maher	383 Wellington Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
21	Dorothy J. Schwind	36 Evangeline Street Rochester, NY 14619-2034	1, 6, 7

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22	Nancy Smyth Executive Director Rochester Presbyterian Home	226 Thurston Road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
23	Maureen McDonald	43 Elmdorf Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
24	Joseph H. Bivins	229 Trafalgar Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
25	Carol Luciano	1030 & 1036 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
26	Theron & Norma Bartlett	107 Devon Road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
27	JoAnn Kane-DeMott	1294 Genesee Park Blvd. Rochester, NY 14619	3, 6, 7
28	Muzeeb Humaid	Genesee Street	1, 6, 7
29	Renato Perucchio	31 Arvine Heights Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7, 23
30	J. Kent Starbird	PO Box 24365 Rochester, NY 14624	1, 3, 6, 7
31	Mary Judith Abbott	170 Genesee Pk. Blvd. Rochester, NY 14619-2406	1, 3, 6, 7
32	Bonnie Steltzer	46 Roslyn Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
33	Captain J. Whitenair	Engine 7 Firehouse 873 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
34	Virginia Spencer	528 Genesee Park Blvd. Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6
35	Simone Schouten	1139 North Road Scottsville, NY 14546	1, 3, 6, 7
36	Ford Kinney Member Genesee Corridor Bus. Assoc.	1075 & 1057 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
37	Albert A. Welch	418 Cottage Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
38	Marlene Scott	96 Burlington Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
39	Sandra Whitcomb	203 Inglewood Drive Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
40	Mark & Linda Kroenke	588 Genesee Park Blvd. Rochester, NY 14619	3, 6, 7
41	Christian & Tanya Zwahlen	139 Caroline Street Rochester, NY 14620	1, 3, 6, 7
42	Barbara Jones VP Community Development	JP MorganChase One Chase Square, Floor 8 Rochester, NY 14643	1, 6, 7

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43	Alice Carli	199 Warwick Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7, 23
44	Mark A. Sweetland	79 Enterprise Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
45	Rev. Donald B. Hill, B.C.C.	295 Melrose Street Rochester, NY 14619	3, 7, 6
46	Dana K. Miller	265 Melrose Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7, 24
47	Jerold Weaver	1220 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	6
48	William Nichthausen	33 Grandview Terrace Rochester, NY 14611-4109	3, 6
49	Margery F. Rosen	182 Edgerton Street Rochester, NY 14607	3, 6
50	Karen C.& Donald E. Pryor	224 Roslyn Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
51	Sandra J. DeBell	256 Thurston Road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
52	Stephen A. Bancroft	33 Marlborough Road Rochester, NY 14619-1407	1, 3, 6, 7
53	Thomas R. Knobel	309 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
54	Sharon Evans	277 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
55	Peter A. Evans	277 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
56	Thomas Sullivan	844 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
57	Daniel M. Sweeney	43 Roslyn Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
58	Kathleen J. Gilman	160 Burlington Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
59	Janet M. Coseo	891 Jay Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
60	Alma Balonon-Rosen	346 Yarmouth Road Rochester, NY 14610	1, 3, 6, 7
61	Florence P. Rugless-O'Meally	412 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
62	Joan Roby-/Davison	Group 14621 1171 N. Clinton Avenue Rochester, NY 14621	1, 3, 6, 7
63	Genesee Baptist Church Family	149 Brooks Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
64	Jody Asbury	50 Wilson Commons University of Rochester Rochester, NY	1, 3, 6, 7

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65	Linford Hamilton	D&L Groceries Inc. 1005 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
66	Nina R. Bennett	446 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
67	Claire L. Crittenden	Integrative Performance Technologies, Inc. 803 West Ave, Suite 300 Box 11-A Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6
68	Kimberly A. Brumber	91 Marsh Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
69	Karen & Brad Files	309 Roslyn Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
70	Stephen B. Mullen	442 Rugby Avenue Rochester, NY 14619-1816	6, 3, 7
71	Louis A. Meyers III	1020 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	4, 6, 9, 15, 17
72	Sheilla Wray	40 Genesee Park Blvd. Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
73	Ben W. Ebnhack	120 Helen Road Rochester, NY 14623	1, 3, 6, 7
74	Gail B. Webster	294 Barton Street Rochester, NY 14619-1936	1, 3, 6, 7
75	Marilyn Catherine	203 Brooks Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
76	Gretchen T. Parry	104 Terrace Park Rochester, NY 14619-2419	1, 3, 6, 7
77	Barbara A. Borgus	247 Brooks Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 23
78	Willie J. Lightfoot	147 Trafalger Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
79	Mitzie Collins Tom Bohrer	309 Wellington Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7, 23, 24
80	Sharon & Dennis Conheady	114 Melrose Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
81	Fred Haeflein	2042 Brace Road Victor, NY 14564	1, 3, 6, 7
82	John E. Hamlin	112 Terrace Park Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
83	Billy Lee Hill	1009 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
84	Edward A. Yansen	705 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
85	Hildegard R. Busch	92 Millbank Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7

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86	Rev. Garth E. Brokaw	75 Elmdorf Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
87	Dorothy Golden	55 Citrus Drive Rochester, NY 14606	1, 3, 6, 7
88	Christina & Mark Sommer	471 Woodbine Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
89	Julie A. Mullen	442 Rugby Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
90	Sheila Bazil	53 Arvine Heights Rochester, NY 14611	3, 6, 24
91	Carol A. Sherwood	114 Congress Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
92	Brenda Driscoll	596 Post Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
93	Michael L. Bohn	103 Reservoir Avenue Rochester, NY 14620	1, 3, 6, 7
94	Douglas R. Hammond	95 Arvine Heights Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
95	Martin T. Bush	95 Arvine Heights Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
96	Eddie Dailey	609 Post Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
97	Isaiah Johnson	605 Post Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
98	Dennis Glitch	3 Enterprise Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
99	Linda Webb	599 Post Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
100	Anthony T. Carter	20 Harlem Street Rochester, NY 14607	1, 3, 6, 7
101	George Breedlove	190 Sawyer Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
102	Judy L. Ross	129 Trafalgar Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
103	Leo Holihan	30 Stratford Park Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
104	Maya Broady	238 Sawyer Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
105	Cheryl Armstrong	Gen-Stop-n-Shop Inc. 874 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
106	Kathleen B. King	124 Trafalgar Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
107	Charlotte& Bruce Fridd	58 Winbourne Road Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7

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108	Willi L. Moore	136 Dr. Samuel McCree Drive Rochester, NY 14608	1, 3, 6, 7
109	Paul Leech	15 Arvine Heights Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
110	Lyn Morgan	921 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
111	Judith L. Baker	87 Elba Street Rochester, NY 14608	1, 3, 6, 7
112	Ed & Pat Schneider	36 West High Terr. Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
113	Armin K. Weiss	62 Stanfield Terr. Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
114	Gary D. & Carol Ann McElligott	1144 Five Mile Line Road Webster, NY 14580	1, 3, 6, 7
115	Lawrence Jones	173 Spruce Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	3, 6
116	Dr. Andrew A. Ray Principal	The James Madison School of Excellence 200 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	6
117	Leah ____	450 Rugby Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
118	Delores & George Radney	325 Roslyn Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
119	Marian Boutet	280 Melrose Street Rochester, NY 14619	3, 6, 7
120	Howard Ressel	148 Penhurst Street Rochester, NY 14619-1520	1, 3, 6
121	James M. Watson	450 Rugby Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
122	Virginia P. McEwen	45 Kron Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
123	Betty Dwyer	954 Clifford Avenue Rochester, NY 14621	1, 3, 6, 7
124	Lynn Braband	47 Roslyn Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
125	Jennifer Lindley & David Sample	29 George Street Fairport, NY 14450	1, 3, 6, 7
126	Dean Harris	33 Elmdorf Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
127	Mercelle B. Jackson	406 Wellington Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	3, 7
128	Susan Hagen	57 Trafalgar Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 3, 23

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129	Paul F. Lindsley	Wilson Magnet H.S. 501 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
130	T. O'Connor	52 Arvine Heights Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
131	Gladys Royster	82 Melody Street Rochester, NY 14608	1, 3, 6, 7
132	Katie Rulseh	33 Elmdort Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
133	Christine E. Corrado	56 Pioneer Street Rochester, NY 14619	3, 6, 7, 24
134	Carol Yacono	72 Olympia Drive Rochester, NY 14615	1, 3, 6, 7
135	Karen Tipple President	19 th Ward Community Association 334 Thurston Road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
136	Cindy E. Jones & Patricia E. Hagerman	202 Aberdeen Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6
137	Victoria Simmons	164 Millbank Street Rochester, NY 14619	7, 24
138	Benjamin VanDurme Graduate Student	University of Rochester Computer Science Department	6
139	Carlos Stroud	35 Genesee Park Blvd. Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 23
140	Rev. Ken Bordner	St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 350 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	No response needed
141	Elise W. & Harold M. Carter, Jr.	431 Wellington Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
142	Jacob & Heather Adams	184 Gillette Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7, 23
143	Wendy & Peter Sullivan	745 Woodbine Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
144	Deborah T. Leary	443 Wellington Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	6
145	David M. Hawkes	923 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
146	Dorothy Graham	204 Elmdorf Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
147	Krysia Mnick	PO Box 10276 Rochester, NY 14610	6
148	John F. Lightfoot Sector 4 CDC Board	52 Dr. Samuel McCree Way Rochester, NY 14608	1, 7, 24
149	Janice Damick	20 Grandview Terr. Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7

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150	Paul D. VanNess	425 Rugby Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
151	John DeMott, Treasurer	Genesee Corridor Business Association 89 Genesee St., 1 st Floor Rochester, NY 14611	1, 6, 7
152	Jaqueline M. Farrell	470 Rugby Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
153	Deborah Wight	215 Melrose Street Rochester, NY 14619-1805	1, 6, 7, 17
154	Barbara Hoffman	79 Arvine Heights Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
155	Carolyn Vitale Vice President/COO	Urban League of Rochester Economic Development Corp. 304 Andrews Street Rochester, NY 14604	6
156	Delores J. Banks	Spruce Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	6
157	Barbara Ebland	No Address Listed	6
158	Frances N. Johnson	493 Frost Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
159	Geneva Piedmonte	103 Reservoir Avenue Rochester, NY 14620	1, 3, 6, 7
160	Patricia Jackson	774 Wegman Road Rochester, NY 14624	1, 3, 6, 7
161	Billy Griffin	271 Kenwood Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
162	Bobby Jackson	530 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
163	Eric Davis	835 Seward Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
164	Edward Williams	147 Middlesex Road Rochester, NY 14610	1, 3, 6, 7
165	Oliver Kiner	154 Clifton Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
166	Gary L. Davis	581 Jefferson Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
167	Deangelo Lewis	164 Fulton Avenue Rochester, NY	1, 3, 6, 7
168	Greig Jentons	321 lake Avenue, Apt. 716 Rochester, NY 14608	1, 3, 6, 7
169	Avis Roderick Hill	560 Jefferson Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
170	Ken Registier	45 Arnette Blvd. Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7

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171	Nashima D. King	275 Dr. Samuel McCree Way Rochester, NY	1, 3, 6, 7
172	Kathy Sloan	379 Columbia Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
173	Penny Butler	56 Wilbur Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
174	Leonard Edmonds	122 Illinois Street Rochester, NY 14609	1, 3, 6, 7
175	Ron Allen	275 Dr. Samuel McCree Way Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
176	Carolyn White	40 Twin Beeches Rochester, NY 14608	1, 3, 6, 7
177	Robert D. Crawford	232 Congress Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
178	Nina Edmonds	275 Dr. Samuel McCree Way Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
179	Sam Jacobs	75 Colgate Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
180	Derryl James Chiles	40 Cutler Street	1, 3, 6, 7
181	Laurence E. Jackson Jr.	909 Jefferson Avenue Rochester, NY	1, 3, 6, 7
182	Clarence Walker	230 Hawley Street Rochester, NY 14608	1, 3, 6, 7
183	Calvin Lee Jr.	19 Shelter Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
184	Hosea Taylor Jr.	447 Thurston Road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
185	James Hampton Jr.	363 Columbia Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
186	Horace Davis	287 Adams Street Rochester, NY 14608	1, 3, 6, 7
187	April L. McGill	71 Stratford Park Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
188	Maxine Hart	44 Marlborough road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
189	William M. Green	249 Warwick Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
190	Stephanie Y. Wright	447 Thurston Road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
191	Joseph L. David	55 Potter Street Rochester, NY 14606	1, 3, 6, 7
192	Joan Boss	154 Clifton Street	1, 3, 6, 7
193	Corinne M. Ringholz	148 Roxborough Road Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7

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194	Stephanie Kelly	1040-1042 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
195	Carleen Wilenius	The Creator's Hands 81 Brown's Race Rochester, NY 14614	6
196	Sarah L. Higley Associate Prof. of English	U or R 404 Morey Hall PO Box 270451 Rochester, NY 14627-0451	1, 3, 6, 7, 23
197	Martina A. Verna	135 Terrace Park Rochester, NY 14619	1, 6, 7
198	Dr. Fred Hagen, PhD	57 Trafalgar Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7, 23
199	Jacqueline Levine	296 Melrose Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7, 24
200	Charlotte Giebel	500 Brooks Avenue Rochester, NY 14619	6
201	Charles & Josanne Reaves	750 Thurston Road Rochester, NY 14619	7, 23
202	Thomas A. Crews	via email	No response needed
203	Ruth Dawson	122 Flanders Street Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 4, 6, 13, 15, 18
204	As Requested by Commenter, Name Withheld from Public Record		1, 3, 12
205	Leslie T. Meyers	1022 Genesee St. Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 4, 15
206	Cecil Hernandez	University of Rochester CPU Box 271095 Rochester, NY 14627	1, 3, 6, 7
207	Sally Miles	1000 East Avenue #107 Rochester, NY 14607	1, 3, 6, 7
208	Dana Davidson	155 Corwin Rd Rochester, NY 14610	1, 3, 6, 7
209	Samuel Madoff	21 Arvine Heights Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
210	Lillie Leckinger	69 Arvine heights Rochester, NY 14611-4113	1, 3, 6, 7
211	C & C Automotive	230 Scottsville Rd. Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
212	Colleen D. Thomas	425 Magnolia St. Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
213	Denis Defibaugh	30 Winbourne Rd Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7

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214	Carolyn M. Argust	37 Gaslight Lane Rochester, NY 14610	1, 3, 6, 7
215	Stewart C. Putnam Executive Vice President	Unity Health System 89 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611	4, 6, 7
216	Rev. Raymond H. Fleming	34 Monica St. Rochester, NY 14619	1, 3, 6, 7
217	Theresa White and Debra Darrow	65 Wellington Avenue Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
218	Calvin Lee, Jr.	19 Shelter Street Rochester, NY 14611	1, 3, 6, 7
219	Ayanna G. Hofmann	25 Evangeline Street Rochester, NY 14619	5
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Mr. Key,
 up dating that end of Genesee Street is good.
 closing off South Plymouth is not. It will
 leave the park end with little traffic which
 will increase damage done to that area.

Genesee Street is narrow and having
 rush hour traffic there will be a night mare.
 I avoid using that end unless necessary for
 that reason.

until it is built up is a hotel going to be
 cost effect? Could a small motel be used.
 If needed add to it?

It seem we build and remove without
 getting where we want. It means more money
 now, when maybe after it is up and going to
 make sense.

Sincerely
 Helen A. Blekken
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 Rochester, NY 14608-2907



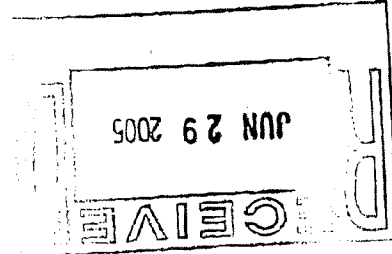
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Fashun Ku
Commissioner of Economic Development
City Hall Room 005-A
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614



Dear Commissioner Ku,

I am writing to oppose Section 1 of the Brooks Landing development. I have been a resident of the 19th Ward for almost 15 years now. I operate a small graphic design business out of my home. I am also a member of the 19th Ward Community Association.

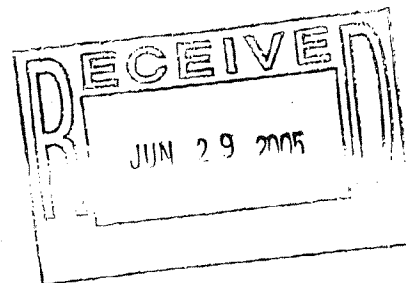
I oppose this part of the planned development for several reasons:

1. The parkland that will be taken is a Olmstead park and as such should not be developed for any reason. It is an historic treasure that must be preserved.
2. The park is a public area that has been a gift to the people of the City and of the Ward. It is an important greenspace that everyone should be able to enjoy, not just those who pay to stay in the hotel.
3. Although I do not live in the immediate neighborhood, I know I would not want beautiful parkland adjacent to my back yard to become a parking lot. Think of the lights, the noise, the asphalt heat sink.
4. I happen to use South Plymouth a lot and it is a refreshing stretch of green. Use measures to slow traffic, but please do not reroute it though Genesee Street between Brooks and Plymouth or turn it into a parking lot road. Here, my primary concern is not only my loss, but safety. The "improvements" at the intersections might make that particular intersection seem safer, but it is further along Genesee that concerns me. Right now there is a convenience store which encourages double parking and other parking violations. There are children playing in the street. There are people trying to get out of driveways. Indeed, I have ridden RTS buses that have had to stop several times for traffic hazards in that stretch of road. Increased traffic will only make such problems worse.

I support efforts to improve Genesee Street and do not have issues with Sections 2 and 3 of the proposed project. I would even support small scale development of the area of the old NET office and the parking lot next to it, but not a structure the size proposed. I also recommend that the recommendations by the Rochester Regional Design Center be taken more seriously.

Thank you.

Shelley E. Cochran



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June 26, 2005

Fashun Ku, Commissioner
Economic Development Department
City Hall, Room 005A
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614-1290

NOT FOR PUBLIC RECORD

Dear Mr. Ku:

Your plan to develop the property at Brooks/Plymouth area (Brooks Landing) the City of Rochester is exciting. The owners of the properties in that area have been allowed to let their buildings and land go to a decrepit level.

5 However, your offer to transfer city owned land in the Tyron Park area in exchange for parkland in the Brooks Landing area does not seem appropriate exchange. I propose that the area highlighted in pink on Figure ES-3 (Environmental Assessment 6(f) Conversion - Genesee Valley Park, City of Rochester Tile Mapping) - the former canal/railroad bed going south from Grandview Terrace to Elmwood Avenue - be given to replace the park land being taken for the Brooks Landing development. This could be in addition to the Tryon Park property or part of the currently proposed land exchange. The former canal/railroad bed going from south from Brooks Avenue to Elmwood Avenue is now used by neighbors to walk dogs, play kick ball, and just take a walk. The Tyron Park area being offered is supposedly wet lands and steep embankments - hardly an area for a leisurely stroll.

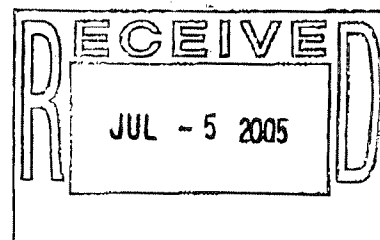
The City has two hotels near the river in the downtown area. They have concrete surrounding the properties. This has not helped the City to prosper. I believe that leaving more green space in the form of parks could help make Rochester a unique city that people would want to visit.

5 Again, I propose that the area in pink on ES-3 (Environmental Assessment 6(f) Conversion - Genesee Valley Park, City of Rochester Tile Mapping) - the former canal/railroad bed going south from Grandview Terrace to Elmwood Avenue - be given as parkland as part of the exchange for the park land being taken away in the Brooks Landing Proposal.

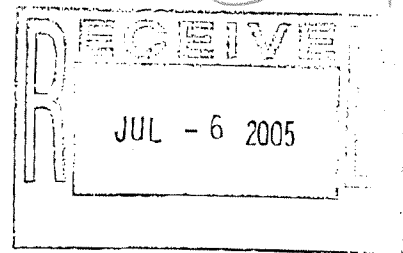
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Mrs. Sandra A. Chamberlain
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June 30, 2005

Dear Commissioner Ku,

We would like to preface our comments by letting you know that we actively participated in every charette and neighborhood meeting that was offered regarding the Brooks Landing Revitalization Project. The concept is needed to make our neighborhood more attractive and vital; however, we have some concerns.

The following are the parts we can currently support:

1. Upgrading the Genesee River for boat landing facilities.
2. Leveling or refurbishing the dilapidated housing and abandoned former business buildings that were on Genesee Street, beginning at Brooks and Genesee.
3. The exchange of the 1.4 acres of mature trees and green space, which were traded for the 19.5 acres. Although we would have liked it to have been added somewhere in the southwest area rather than the Northeast area.
4. Building the new NET office and sports store combination on Genesee Street.
5. The Urban Brew Coffee Shop as a community project.
6. The new curb, gutter and sidewalk work on Plymouth Avenue and Genesee Street, which were overdue for renovation.

Our concerns; however, include the following:

1. Traffic:

- The renovation of the curb and gutter along with the cutting off of a main thoroughfare has impacted us significantly. We no longer have alternatives to get to Elmwood Avenue. We are forced to use a congested, narrow, poorly patrolled corridor.
- We have called the NET office, personally visited the NET office and spoken with representatives of the Rochester Police Department to complain about the impossible conditions. Neither will take any action to prevent the life threatening conditions that are present from any of the streets that enter Genesee Street between Brooks and Elmwood. Everyone's life is in danger because the illegally parked cars on both sides of the streets which creates traffic hazards for motorists turning onto Genesee Street from any of these side streets, especially during rush hour. We do this every morning of the workweek. Neither the city officials nor the landlords have done anything to ameliorate the situation. Winter is only going to make it worse.
- We are concerned about emergency vehicles getting to Strong in a necked down, reconstructed, and congested area. Rite Aide, on the corner of Brooks and Thurston, wasn't supposed to be a bottleneck either, but it is terrible; and emergency vehicles have had difficulty getting through during high traffic times. Sometimes it takes 3 lights to make it through, and there are only 5 cars in line. Can you tell we have had to endure

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another planning mistake in our neighborhood? We will never forget Rite Aide's lawyer telling the neighborhood in City Council Chambers that we as a community ought to be grateful that a business was willing to go into a place like our location. We have never gone into the store nor will we ever patronize that business again.

- During all of the meetings with the community, it was stressed that no additional land would be taken from the neighborhood. Once again city officials were caught lying. My heart has hurt for the individuals on Genesee Street and Scottsville interchange area. Their property has been chopped into, and it looks ugly. If Dr. and Mrs. Forrest (Dr. Forrest is one of the worlds leading microbiologists) could see the house and yard that they so loved so mutilated, they would be sick. Land was also taken out of Genesee Valley Park in the boulevard and edge of the park area for widening Elmwood and Scottsville area, laying of new curb and gutter along with repouring of sidewalks. Officials and those in authority should have been honest, but once again, because we choose to live in the city, we are considered less, and lying officials don't help the matter. The area looks like a barren suburban strip mall asphalt desert.
- 2. The University of Rochester acting like Big Brother and then playing stupid.
 - The tentacles of the University of Rochester have slowly crossed the Genesee River. We feel strongly that the U of R is a neighborhood bully. They are huge and carry a big stick. There is no place for them to expand; so they have to cross the river.
 - The new 4 story, 60' tall hotel is not for the neighborhood. Let's get real. The hotel that the U of R bought 10-15 years ago at the corner of Mt. Hope and Elmwood was supposed to be for housing doctors and visitors. It was turned into offices for safety and parking issues. We have heard this story before. The people who have to look at a brick wall now, instead of green trees and shrubs, have just had their property values diminished. What is the response of our city officials? Oh well, isn't that too bad. They don't have to live with a diminished quality of life and labor of love over the years of their beloved homes. These are wonderful older homes that have been passed from generation to generation. We find very little compassion. It is proven that trees keep temperatures down during the heat of summer and are also essential for oxygen and carbon dioxide exchange.
 - The hotel was initially going to be built with its back entrance to the neighborhood with 4 shrubs at the back door. NOT at all integrated into the area where it is located. Finally, toward the end of the planning, the hotel is turned around facing the neighborhood. Now we have to deal with asphalt central with 175 paved parking spots. Still no trees but, oh yes, we will have fly catching evergreen shrubs. Do you realize how many flies live in them? We didn't until we cut ours down.
 - Next we are told that we need a 200-seat restaurant for our neighborhood. Are city officials actually that ignorant, or do they think that we as a neighborhood are actually that ignorant. The restaurant is for the hotel

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and the conferences sponsored by the U of R, parent visitation at both move in and graduation for the U of R, the regatta rally with the Ivy League schools in October, football, basketball and ice hockey games, maybe some doctors will be in residence during training procedures, but it has nothing to do with the neighborhood. We will never patronize the establishment. We will patronize the Urban Brew on the opposite corner.

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- We are constantly reminded about the jobs that will be coming from the neighborhood. Supposedly 200 from the rumor mill. Once again, let's be real. Most of these jobs are part-time, dead-end janitor, housekeeping, and waitress jobs. That means no health benefits, low wages and difficult hours for anyone who takes these jobs. We keep asking how many residents of the 19th Ward are actually going to be hired full time with decent wages and benefits. No one can even give us a rough estimate. We feel that U of R students are going to be given first chance at these jobs and if there is anything left over, then maybe someone from the neighborhood will get a chance to work; maybe part-time.

3. Voices of the people:

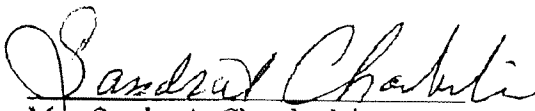
- We have spoken with many of our neighbors about the impending situation, both while the planning was being done and now. The voice that speaks loudest is coming from many within the African American community. What are they saying? With the cutting off of the Plymouth Avenue access between Brooks and Elmwood, you are trying to box them into the inner reaches of the city so that there is better control. They see the new access of Genesee to Plymouth to the city as confinement. This will be the 2nd major access that has been closed off. Wilson Blvd is finally available to traffic once again because the U of R realized, after 10 years, they made a major mistake.
- We as a community asked that local businesses rather than large conglomerates be invited into the area to open an establishment. What was the first suggestion? Dollar General/All For a Dollar to go into an existing vacant building. There were already 3 in close proximity. The city officials just couldn't understand why we didn't want a dead-end low-end junk store in our neighborhood. We are interested in local businesses where the money stays in the area and is not shipped off to corporate headquarters. Thank goodness for the furniture store that finally went into the storefront. PS: The city just allowed one of these junk stores to open this past Thursday. Once again the city officials didn't hear us as a community speak. The Dollar Store in the West Avenue Plaza just closed due to shrinkage issues.
- Why are only 28 acres of Genesee Valley Park being permanently preserved? There are many more acres to the park. What happens to the acreage outside of the 28? Which 28 acres are they preserving? Are they around the ice rink? Or is that the next parcel for the U of R to gobble?


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We are not against progress, but we feel that, as citizens who pay taxes, our voices have not been heard. In one of our charettes we asked that a balcony be extended over to the river so that traffic could pass under and yet hotel guests could access the water as well as the neighborhood. We understand that in the beginning the city liked the idea as well. We don't appreciate the attitude that something good is being done for us; so big brother will make all the decisions while holding a few meetings to make it appear that we actually have a meaningful voice in the process, because you as the common man can't or aren't able to do it for yourself.

Sincerely,

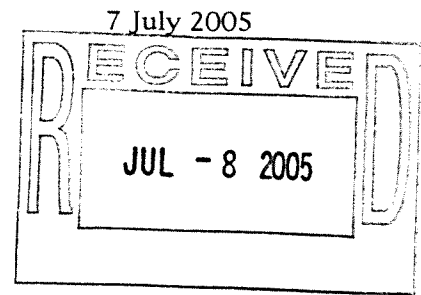

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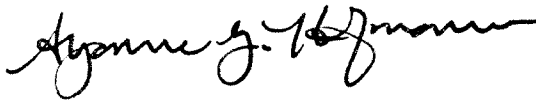
RE: Genesee Valley Park, Rochester, New York - Brooks Landing

Dear Commissioner Ku,

Please find enclosed my written response to the Brooks Landing Sub Area I Executive Summary and Environmental Assessment.

I would very much appreciate it if you would inform me of any information available to the public concerning the procedure for reviewing and evaluating my document as well as any processes or procedures following that review, including the expected time frames etc. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Yours truly,



Enclosure

Response to Environmental Assessment Documents
Genesee Valley Park (City of Rochester, New York)
Brooks Landing Sub Area I Proposal
7 July 2005

Introduction

I have been a resident of the 19th Ward (City of Rochester, New York), site of Genesee Valley Park West, for over 20 years. The 16 November 2003 article in the The Democrat & Chronicle covering the Brooks Landing proposal was the first I heard of this intended development. I have spent considerable time and effort during the ensuing 20 months examining and analyzing this proposal. I have discussed its aspects with many 19th Ward residents, as well as many other Rochesterians. Though we support the proposed developments of Sub Sections II and III, there are far too many negative and unmitigatable environmental impacts that will be caused by Sub Section I that prohibit its implementation; also, the proposed replacement parcel in Charlotte does not meet the requirements for "6(f)" park land alienation/conversion, and, therefore, we believe Sub Section I should be eliminated from the Brooks Landing proposal and that the Genesee Valley Park (an historically significant, Frederick Law Olmsted designed park) should remain intact in perpetuity. Furthermore, NEPA (1969) has a section covering Environmental Justice (EJ), Executive Order 12898, that provides protection for minority and/or low income populations that has not been addressed adequately by this EA/ES, therefore, the submitted Environmental Assessment is considered incomplete at this time.

The format of the Executive Summary (ES) does not follow exactly the format of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and so I have combined the two formats in my discussions of the various aspects considered in these two evaluations.

Project Background (EA)
"Brooks Landing Revitalization Project"

The EA states that "the Erie Canal, (is) an important recreational and economical resource that links the City of Rochester to other navigable waterways."

There are two factors that have a major impact on water craft usage of the Erie Canal and the Genesee River. The annual closing of the Erie Canal and the series of waterfalls on the Genesee River which make passage between the Erie Canal and Lake Ontario impossible.

In their attempt to promote wider usage of the Erie Canal the Brooks Landing promoters have neglected to mention that across all of New York state the entire Erie Canal is closed for six months of the year for maintenance. According to the Public Affairs Office of the Erie Canal Corp., the canal is closed early in November and then two weeks later, after the buoys have been collected, the canal is completely drained. While the canal is empty of water the locks, guard gates, timbers, etc. are replaced or refurbished. At the end of April the canal is refilled and the buoys re-installed and two weeks after refilling, approximately May first, the canal is reopened. So for half of each year the Erie Canal does not exist as a waterway and cannot link with other waterways, including the Genesee River.

Furthermore, there are additional physical constraints affecting the usage of the Erie canal. The greatest distance between the water level of the canal and any of the bridges that cross over it is 20.5 ft. What this means for sailboats is that their masts must be dismantled and the boats 'motored' the length of the canal. Additionally, the legal speed limit on the canal is 8 mph which makes traversing the canal very time consuming, especially when one factors in the 20 minutes +/- required to pass through each lock. There is an excursion boat, the Colonial Belle, which is based in Packets Landing in Fairport (an eastern suburb of Rochester) that cruises on the Erie Canal but only as far as Lock 32 in Pittsford, a three hour cruise. The round trip excursion between Fairport and Corn Hill (Genesee River, City of Rochester) takes five hours (including four passages through two locks) and therefore is considered too long and commercially not viable, so they only offer that cruise at most twice a year. There are a couple of smaller vessels, e.g. the Sam Patch, that do motor to Pittsford from their dock at Corn Hill. However, like the Colonial Belle, these boats serve beverages, full meals, and provide bathroom facilities making it unnecessary to stop, adding extra time to the cruise, once they have gotten underway.

The promoters have also neglected to mention that approximately two miles downstream from Brooks Ave. (just north of Corn Hill) the Genesee River becomes entirely unnavigable because of a series of waterfalls (hence the need for the 'Turning Point' area of the Genesee River, near its mouth on Lake Ontario, used for turning boats around downstream (north of the waterfalls)). Therefore, the second major contributor to lack of river/canal usage stems from the natural barriers that make it impossible to travel on the Genesee River through most of the City of Rochester, thereby making it impossible for boats south of the falls (Erie Canal) to reach Lake Ontario, north of the falls. No amount of 'economic development' can change these physical constraints that have naturally curtailed wider usage of the Erie Canal or Genesee River in the City of Rochester.

Purpose and Need

According to the provided documentation (EA), the Purpose and Need section should address those purposes and needs required by an NPS park (i.e. Genesee Valley Park) to modify "existing conditions that need to be changed, problems that need to be remedied." However, the EA Purpose and Need statement addresses no such conditions or problems within Genesee Valley Park, but only reasons to take perfectly vital parkland and cede it to private ownership and private use to, hopefully, improve conditions outside Genesee Valley Park. Indeed, the Executive Summary makes no mention of any problems or conditions within Genesee Valley Park's current use of "... public-right-of-way, buffer and parkland/green space ... principle arterial."

The Objectives stated (EA pg. 1 -10) - to revitalize the decaying neighborhood, celebrate the history of Rochester, increase usage and recreational value, and increase awareness of local and regional historic and cultural resources - need not take place at the expense of public parkland nor at the expense of public access to Genesee Valley Park. Instead, the Brooks Landing proposal should focus on how best to achieve these objectives by improving the existing conditions in the City of Rochester, and in particular, on Genesee Street and on the segment of So. Plymouth

Avenue north of Brooks Avenue and Genesee Valley Park West.

Furthermore, to associate destruction of parkland and the closing of a park roadway ("principle arterial") with improved tourism, enhanced quality of life, and protection and/or enhancement of Rochester's resources (Goals, EA pg. 1 -10) is insupportable.

To maintain that Brooks Landing Sub Section I will "enhance pedestrian and visual access to the waterfront" by replacing pedestrian and vehicle accessible and open parkland with a 15,000 sq. ft., 4/5 story Extended Stay Residence and a 5,000 sq. ft. restaurant, thereby obstructing access and the scenic view of the Genesee River with these structures, is insupportable.

Furthermore, even greater division will be created between the 19th Ward neighborhood and Genesee Valley Park West by blocking access to the park from the private residences abutting the park with the planned barricading wall.

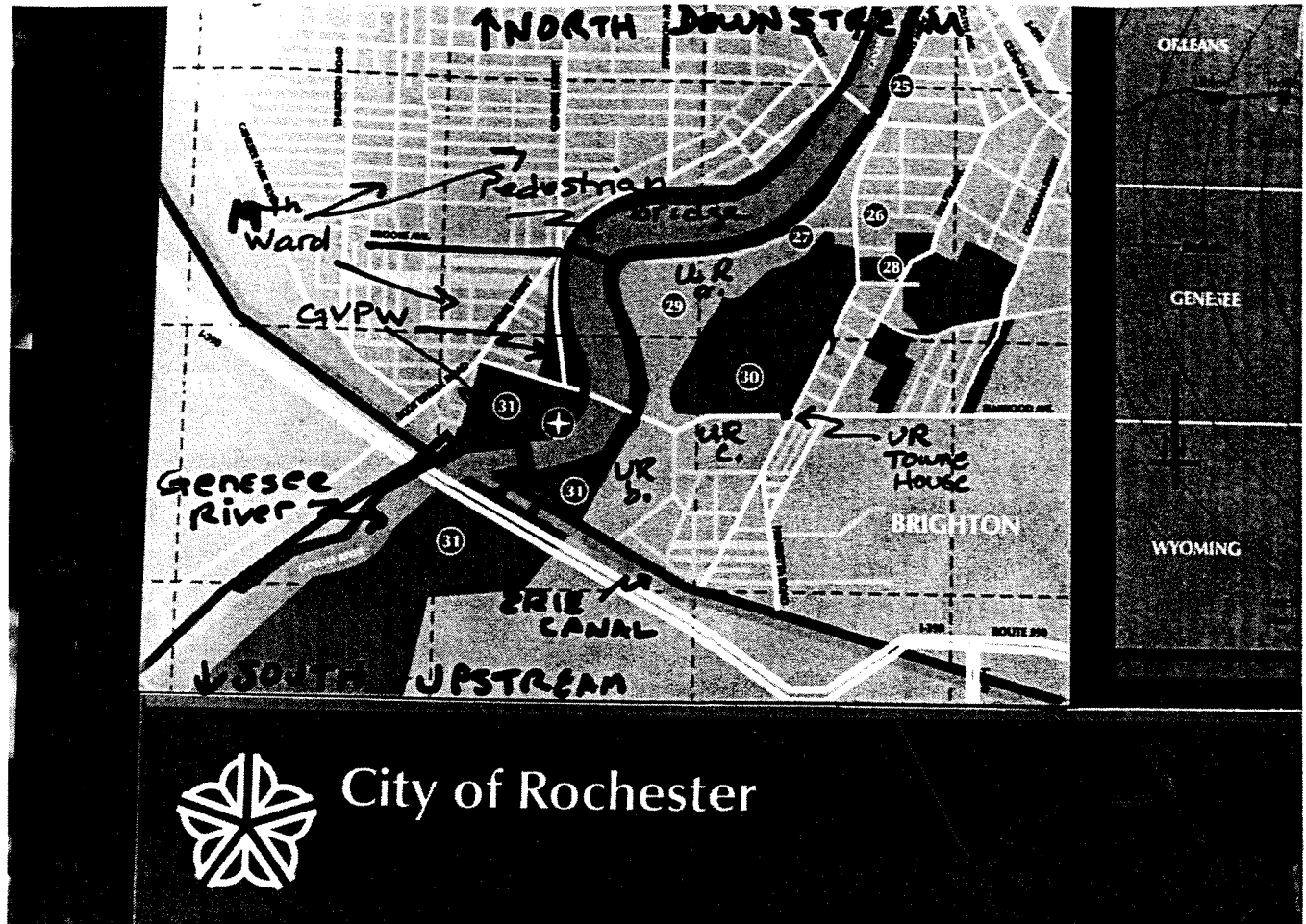
To maintain that Brooks Landing Sub Section I will "strengthen the physical relationship between the neighborhood and the University of Rochester" and "enhance the park's integration with the neighborhood center" while placing between them an 86 room Extended Stay Residence, a 250+ seat restaurant, and a parking lot for 167+ vehicles is also insupportable, as instead, the overall design of Sub Area I physically divides the community from the park and the U of R.

Currently, traffic noise from So. Plymouth Avenue in Genesee Valley Park West is mitigated by distance, elevation, and vegetation (old growth trees, hedges, shrubbery, etc.). Brooks Landing Sub Section I proposal would remove these mitigators and produce more noise pollution by:

- replacing vegetation with hard surfaces (asphalt parking lot, buildings, and barricading wall),
- placing the parking lot at a higher elevation than So. Plymouth Avenue and right next to the rear property lines of the houses on Genesee Street,
- allowing the use of the parking lot as a thoroughfare linking the Brooks Ave. and Genesee St. driveways with the driveway to the south "remnant" of So. Plymouth Ave,
- and by situating the main entrance of the Extended Stay Residence a car length +/- across from the rear property lines of numbers 1010, 1016, 1020 and 1022 Genesee Street.

This situation will be grossly exacerbated by the rerouting of traffic that once would have used So. Plymouth Avenue (12,000 +/- vehicles per day between Brooks Avenue and the Elmwood Avenue bridge) onto Genesee St. To maintain that all of these additional sources of noise pollution will "eradicate the visual and audible impacts of the existing South Plymouth Avenue thoroughfare through the park;" is exactly comparable to curing a person's bunion by amputating their foot.

The desired Genesee Riverway Trail "visitor's hub" can be accommodated quite satisfactorily in the existing Genesee Valley Park Sports Complex and the Genesee Waterways Center facilities area where there is already available: ample space, ample parking, and RGRTA bus service; all within easy reach of the University of Rochester.

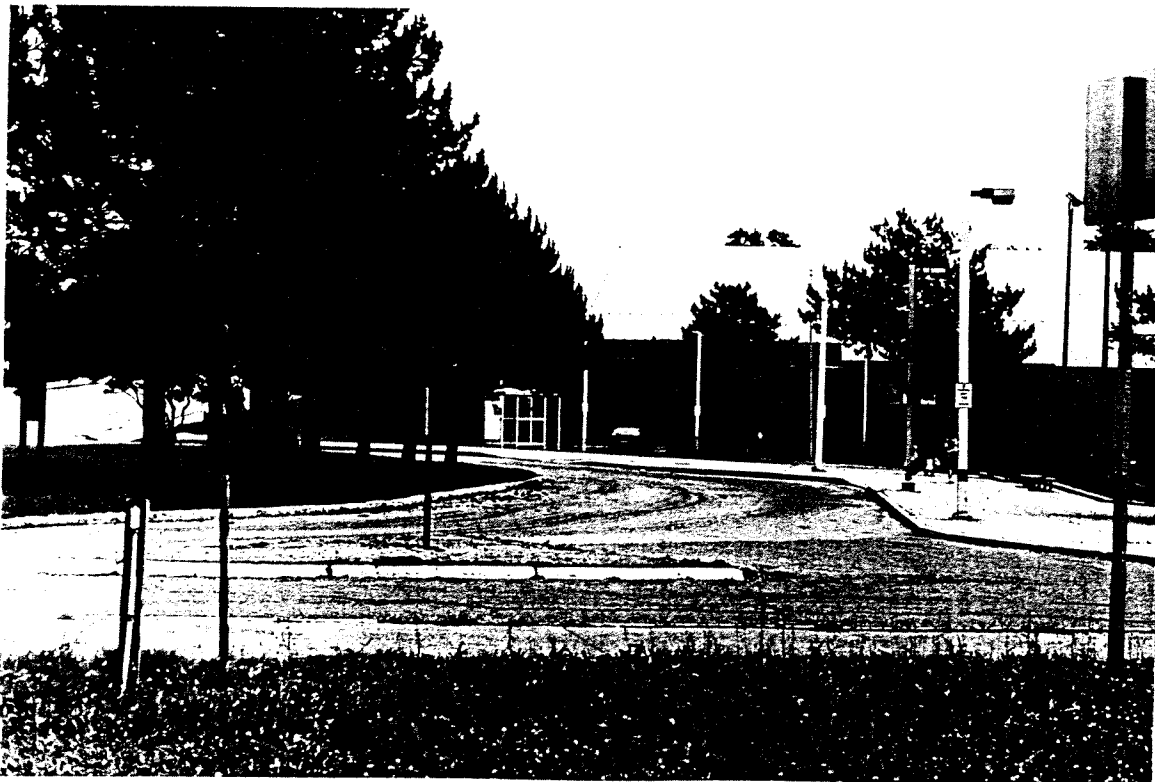


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Entrance and RGRTA Bus Stops



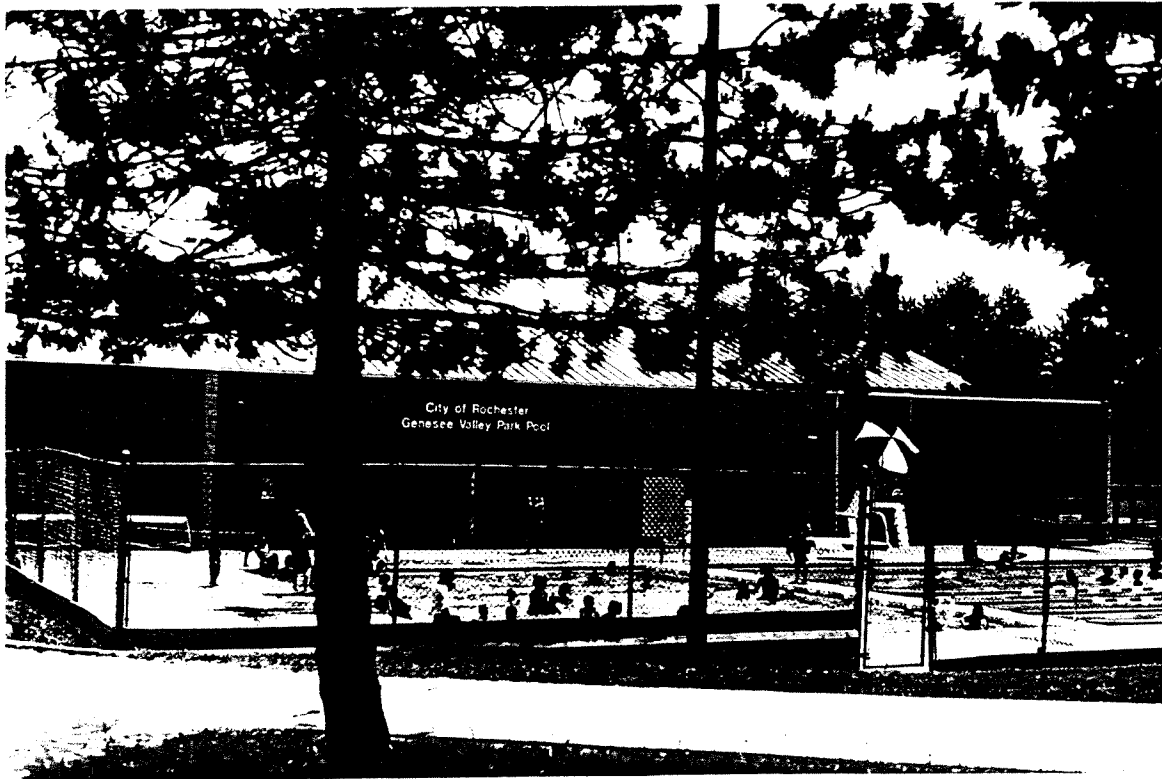
Entrances: Driveway into parking lots, halfmoon driveway and RGRTA Bus Stops

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Entrance, RGRTA Bus Stops and public pool.



Public Pool

"The State Historic Preservation Officer, under the National Historic Preservation Act has determined that the Brooks Landing site is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places" because this site, Genesee Valley Park, is a Frederick Law Olmsted designed park conceived 125 years ago in 1880. The EA admits to adverse effects of parkland destruction: "The MOA outlines stipulations to be implemented in order to mitigate the adverse effect of the parkland conversion." One of these stipulations is that a "parcel of Genesee Valley Park on the east side of the Genesee River" be placed under Section 6(f) protection. How is it that the citizens on the east side of the river will have their park land 'protected' but the citizens on the west side of the river are expected to give up their 6(f) protected park land (to be replaced by a sidewalk) while the remainder goes to benefit private, commercial enterprises? If the City of Rochester is willing to convert 6(f) property for commercial development now, how is it we are to believe that it will not try to do so again. There is no way they can make that guarantee, as their attempt to alienate 6(f) parkland now proves that when considered commercially expedient 6(f) park land is expendable.

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Replacement Parcel

According to the ES-1, the replacement parcel "must be of at least equal fair market value and at least as equivalent in such aspects as recreational value and location."

Fair market value:

On February 18, 1976 Morris, Samuel and Sol Atkin sold the 19.5 acre parcel in Charlotte to the Jewish Community Federation for \$1.00. I was told by Ms. Isobel Goldman, JCF Director of Community Relations, that the JCF failed to pay taxes for the property and so 23 years after the JCF bought it for \$1.00, the City of Rochester 'acquired' it for 'free.' Land that was last sold for \$1.00 and most recently acquired at no cost is not and has not been proven to be of "equal fair market value" to the land in Genesee Valley Park, especially given that this land in Charlotte has already been in the public domain for the past six years. The lands directly north and south of this parcel (Turning Point Parks North and South) have been for years, and will continue to be, in the public domain, but with no public access or "recreational value" (Turning Point North) or with limited access and rudimentary amenities (Turning Point Park south: parking lot (but not always open to the public), two benches, trails, refuse containers that are not emptied by any 'park service' (i.e. a "carry out park") and whose closest adjacent property to the entrance is a cement factory). The actual monetary value of the Charlotte parcel is debatable and not proven to be comparable to the fair market value of the land in Genesee Valley Park West.

Recreational Value:

According to the ES-EA, the proposed replacement parcel in Charlotte provides:

- "no legal access," (western boundary is bounded entirely by private properties, disallowing any possible future public access)
- with "an active CSX railroad" along its western boundary,
- wet lands and the river on its eastern boundary and
- "steep wooded slopes" between the property lines of the adjacent private properties and the railroad tracks and then "steep vegetated slopes" between the railroad tracks and the eastern section

all of which prevent access and recreational use.

Therefore, as for "reasonably equivalent usefulness" (EA pg. 1-8), this parcel in Charlotte can not be deemed in any way comparable to the proposed alienation area in Genesee Valley Park West which has:

- a converted railroad bed Trailway that is maintained and in use by the public,
- maintained lawns, i.e. open recreational/green space,
- a roadway, sidewalks, and macadam riverside pathways

all open and freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This northwest entrance to Genesee Valley Park West also serves as a gateway to the rest

of the park which provides:

- baseball diamonds, soccer fields, and fishing areas

and further to the south:

- a Sports Center (swimming pool and skating rink),
- Genesee Waterways Center (boat/kayak and bicycle rentals), public boat launch, easy access/entry to Genesee River recreation
- potable water, toilets, ample parking, bus stops etc.

Location:

The replacement parcel is 8.3 miles from the intersection of Brooks Avenue and Genesee Street and takes approximately 30 -35 minutes to drive there by automobile. To reach this parcel from the 19th Ward one must travel through nearly the entire length of the city. Furthermore, there is only one bus line that goes near Turning Point Park, but the nearest bus stop, on Lake Avenue, is .5 miles from the park entrance. Given these constraints, it is highly unreasonable to expect that anyone living in the 19th Ward would use this parcel as a replacement for Genesee Valley Park.

I am happy for the city that it has owned, for the past six years, this wetland and wildlife habitat in Charlotte. I hope that it will remain forever wild. However, given the unproved equality of actual monetary value, the proven inequality of "recreational usefulness," and the unreasonable location/distance from the 19th Ward, this parcel in Charlotte is not a legitimate replacement for the 6(f) area requested for conversion/alienation in Genesee Valley Park West.

This Indenture

Made the 13th day of February -

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six

RECORDED

Witness MORRIS ATKIN, residing at 474 Oak Street, Rochester, New York, Samuel Atkin, residing at 474 Oak Street, Rochester, New York and Sol Atkin, residing at 474 Oak Street, Rochester, New York

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parties of the first part, and

JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF ROCHESTER, N.Y., INC.
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Witness that the parties of the first part, in consideration of

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lawful money of the United States, and other good and valuable consideration paid by the party of the second part, do hereby grant and release unto the party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, ~~with~~ AN UNDIVIDED ONE-HALF INTEREST IN ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the City of Rochester, Monroe County, New York, in what was formerly Lot 31 in Township 2, Short Range, Town of Greece, west of the Genesee River, more particularly described in a Lis pendens recorded March 10th, 1890 in Liber 160 Lis Pendens at page 293, and conveyed to William Hall Robinson by deeds recorded in Liber 7300 of Deeds at page 216 and Liber 785 of Deeds at page 424 in the Monroe County Clerk's Office, and conveyed to Charles W. Oster land Ella Oster by deed recorded in Monroe County Clerk's Office in Liber 1016 of Deeds at page 1, said property being bounded on the south by the south line of said lot 31, on the east by the Genesee River, on the north by the southerly line of land conveyed to Christopher McGee by deed recorded in Liber 960 of Deeds at page 567, and on the west by the lands now or formerly owned by the Rochester and Lake Ontario Railroad Company (now New York Central Railroad Company); all as more particularly described in said Lis Pendens;

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING therefrom all that tract or parcel of land conveyed by Eugene Van Voorhis to Rochester Monroe County Port Authority by deed dated and recorded March 5, 1962 in the Monroe County Clerk's Office in Liber 3393 of deeds at page 574. Said exception being therein described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the existing west shoreline of the Genesee River and the dividing line of properties between the B & O Railroad on the south and property now or formerly E. Van Voorhis on the north, said point being distant 346.5 feet, more or less, measured in a straight line from a U.S. Corps of Engineer's concrete monument known as #614 and whose coordinates are North 8959.73, East 6201.53; thence northwesterly 83°34'52" and along the aforesaid line of division a distance of 85 feet to a point; thence northwesterly 30°27'57" a distance of 59.17 feet to a point; thence northwesterly 47°26'39" a distance of 283.89 feet to a point; thence northwesterly 79°39'30" a distance of 417.79 feet to a point; thence northwesterly 49°56'56" a distance of 327.91 feet to a point; thence northeasterly 11°09'51" a distance of 387.35 feet to a point; thence northeasterly 51°12'31" a distance of 679.88 feet to a point; thence northeasterly 22°04'30" a distance of 194.24 feet to a point; thence northeasterly

31°29'13" a distance of 281.44 feet to a point of intersection with the westerly shoreline of the Genesee River; thence southerly along the existing westerly shoreline of the Genesee River a distance of 1800 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, the boundaries described herein enclose an area of 14.48 acres, more or less.

This conveyance is made and accepted subject to all covenants, easements and restrictions of record in the Monroe County Clerk's Office affecting said premises.

Being and hereby intending to convey an undivided one-half interest to the same premises conveyed to the party of the first party by deed recorded in the Monroe County Clerk's Office in Liber of deeds at page 121, and dated 12-1-1977.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

the said parties

have hereunto set their hands

and seals at the County Clerk's Office

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LANDS TO BE ADDED
TO TURNING POINT PARK
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that tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Rochester, County of Monroe, State of New York and being lands of the City of Rochester known as Section 061.53 Block 01 and Lot 23 and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

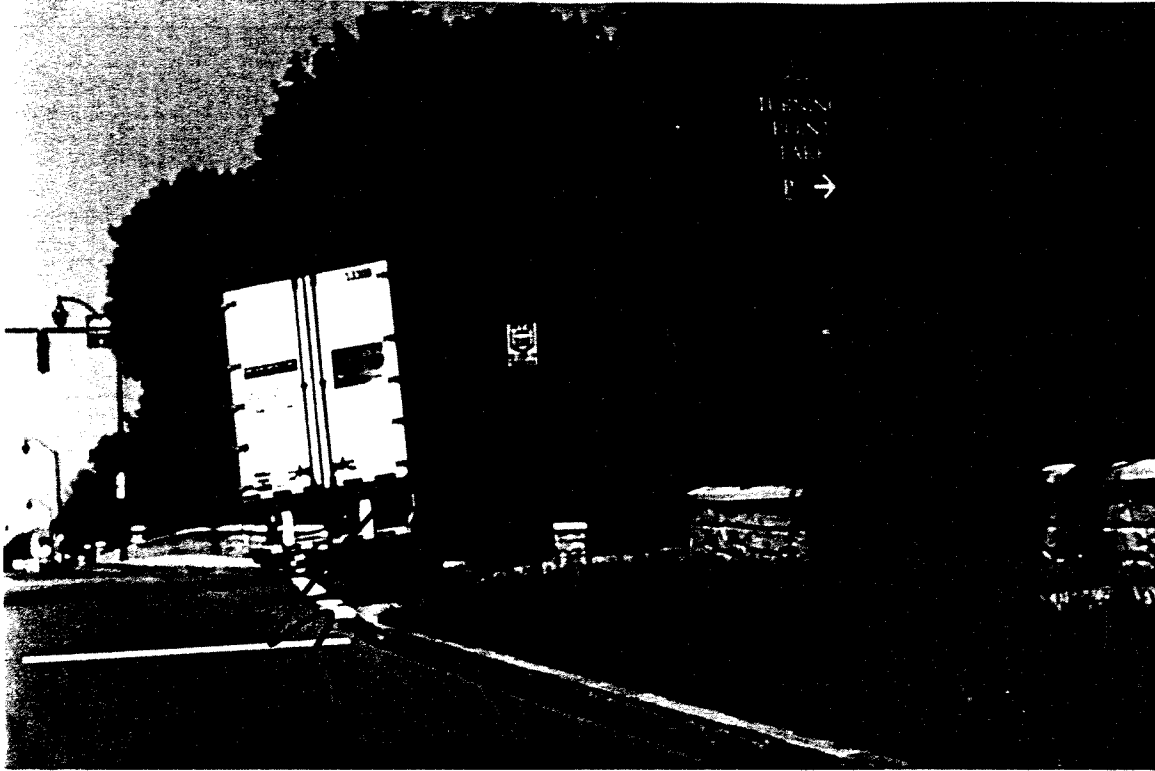
All that tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Rochester, County of Monroe, State of New York, in what was formerly Lot 31 in Township 2, Short Range, Town of Greece, west of the Genesee River, more particularly described in a Lis Pendens recorded March 10, 1890 in Liber 160 Lis Pendens at page 293, and conveyed to William Hall Robinson by deeds recorded in Liber 730 of deeds at page 216 and Liber 785 of deeds at page 424 in the Monroe County Clerk's Office, and conveyed to Charles W. Oster and Ella Oster by deed recorded in the Monroe County Clerk's Office in Liber 1016 at page 1, said property being bounded on the south by the south line of said Lot 31, on the east by the Genesee River, on the north by the southerly line of land conveyed to Christopher McGee by deed recorded in Liber 960 of deeds at page 567, and on the west by the lands now or formerly owned by the Rochester and Lake Ontario Railroad Company or the New York Central Railroad Company; all as more particularly described in said Lis Pendens:

Excepting and reserving therefrom all that tract or parcel of land conveyed by Eugene Van Voorhis to Rochester Monroe County Port Authority by deed dated and recorded March 5, 1962 in the Monroe County Clerk's Office in Liber 3393 of deeds at page 574. Said exception being therein described as follow:

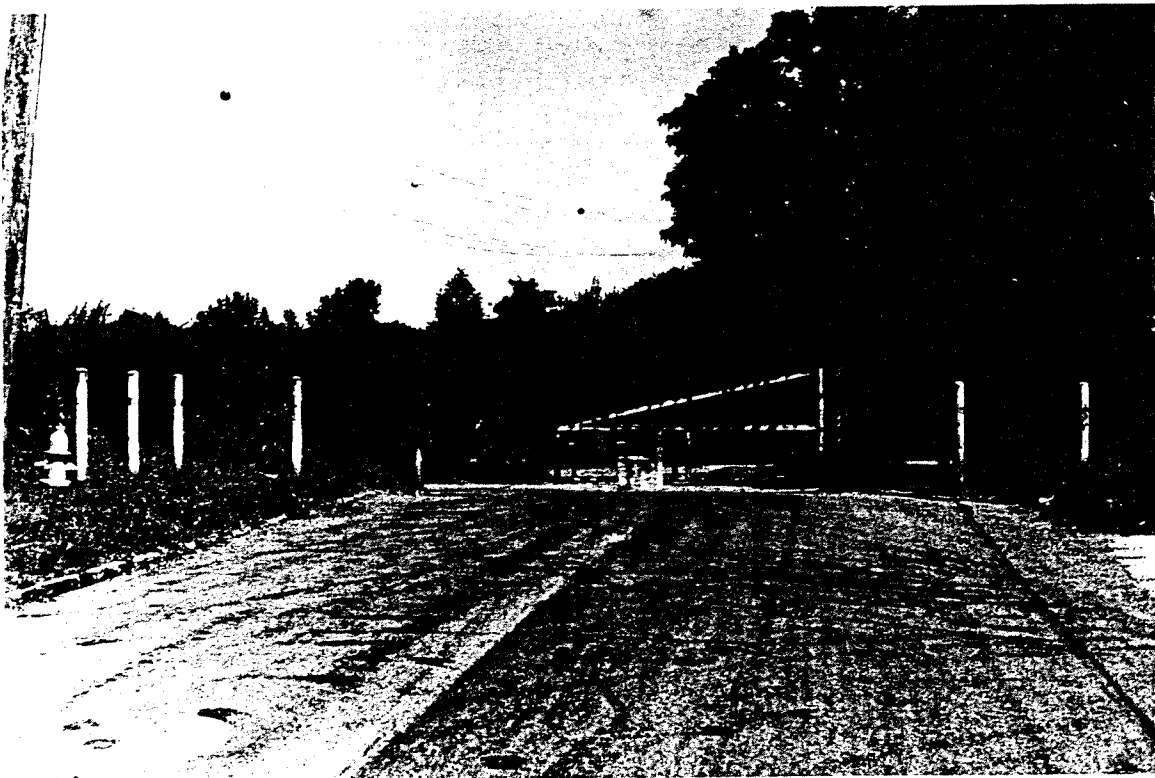
Beginning at the intersection of the existing west shoreline of the Genesee River and the dividing line of properties between the B & O Railroad on the south and property now or formerly E. Van Voorhis on the north, said point being distant 346.5 feet, more or less, measured in a straight line from a U.S. Corps of Engineer's concrete monument known as # 614 and whose coordinates are north 8959.73, east 6201.53; thence northwesterly 83° 34' 52" and along the aforesaid line of division a distance of 85 feet to a point; thence northwesterly 30° 27' 57" a distance of 59.17 feet to a point; thence northwesterly 47° 26' 39" a distance of 283.89 feet to a point; thence northwesterly 79° 39' 30" a distance of 417.79 feet to a point; thence northwesterly 49° 56' 56" a distance of 327.91 feet to a point; thence northeasterly 11° 09' 51" a distance of 387.35 feet to a point; thence northeasterly 51° 12' 31" a distance of 679.98 feet to a point; thence northeasterly 22° 04' 30" a distance of 194.24 feet to a point; thence northeasterly 31° 29' 13" a distance of 281.44 feet to a point of intersection with the westerly shoreline of the Genesee River; thence southerly along the existing westerly shoreline of the Genesee River a distance of 1800 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Intending to describe lands owned by the City of Rochester as shown on the Tax Map of the City of Rochester as Section 061.53 Block 1 and Parcel 23.
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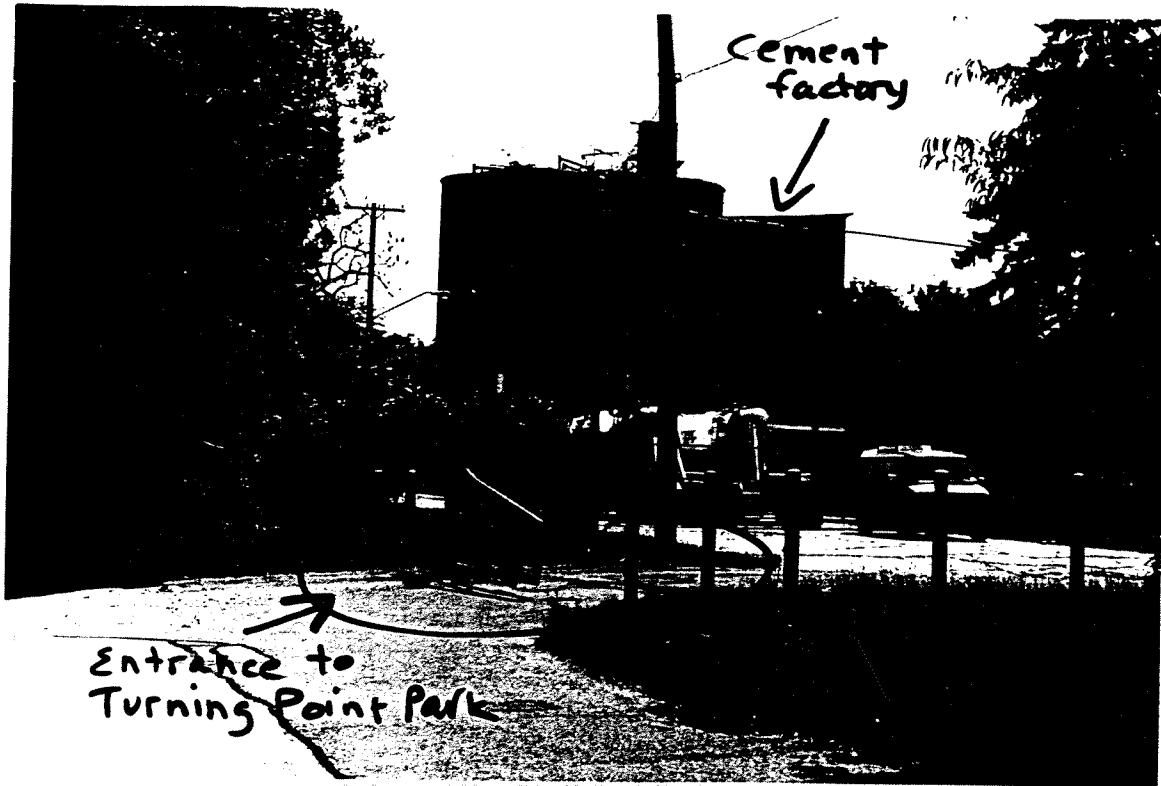
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RGRTA Bus Stop on Lake Avenue .5 miles from Turning Point Park entrance.



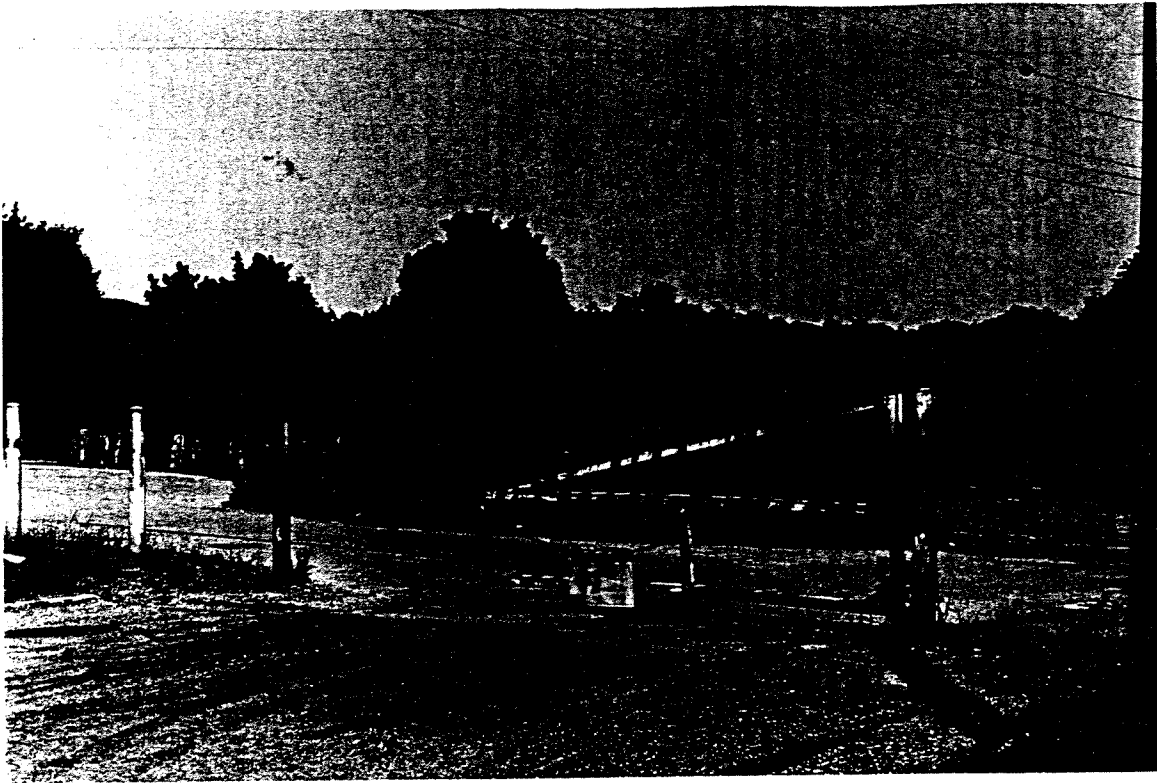
Entrance to Turning Point Park: locked parking lot gate, no sign informing days/hours unlocked.



Turning Point Park's nearest neighbor - Essroc Cement Factory



Essroc 361 Boxart St.



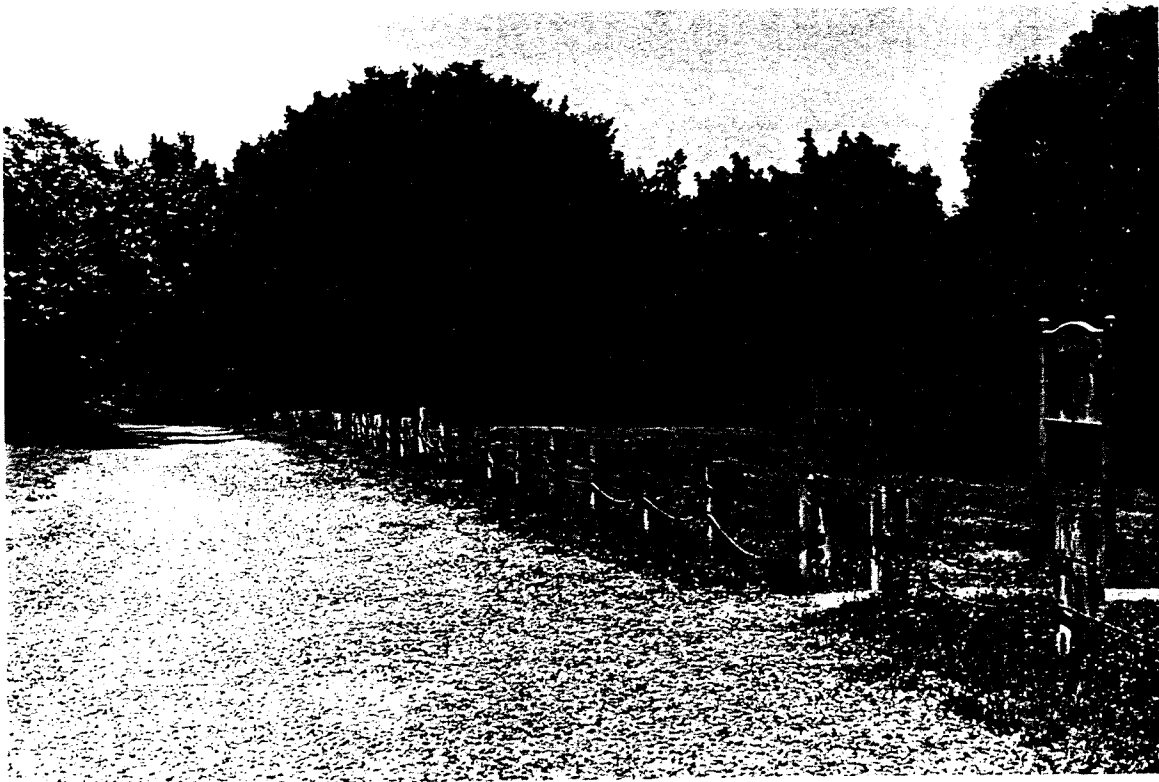
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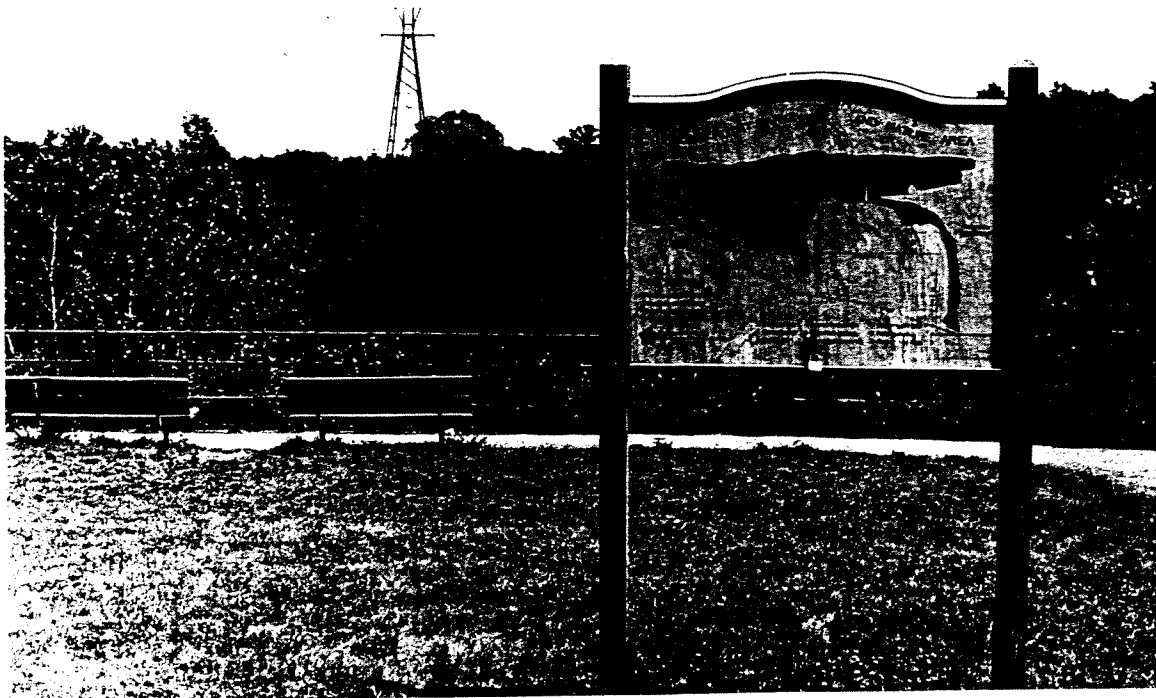
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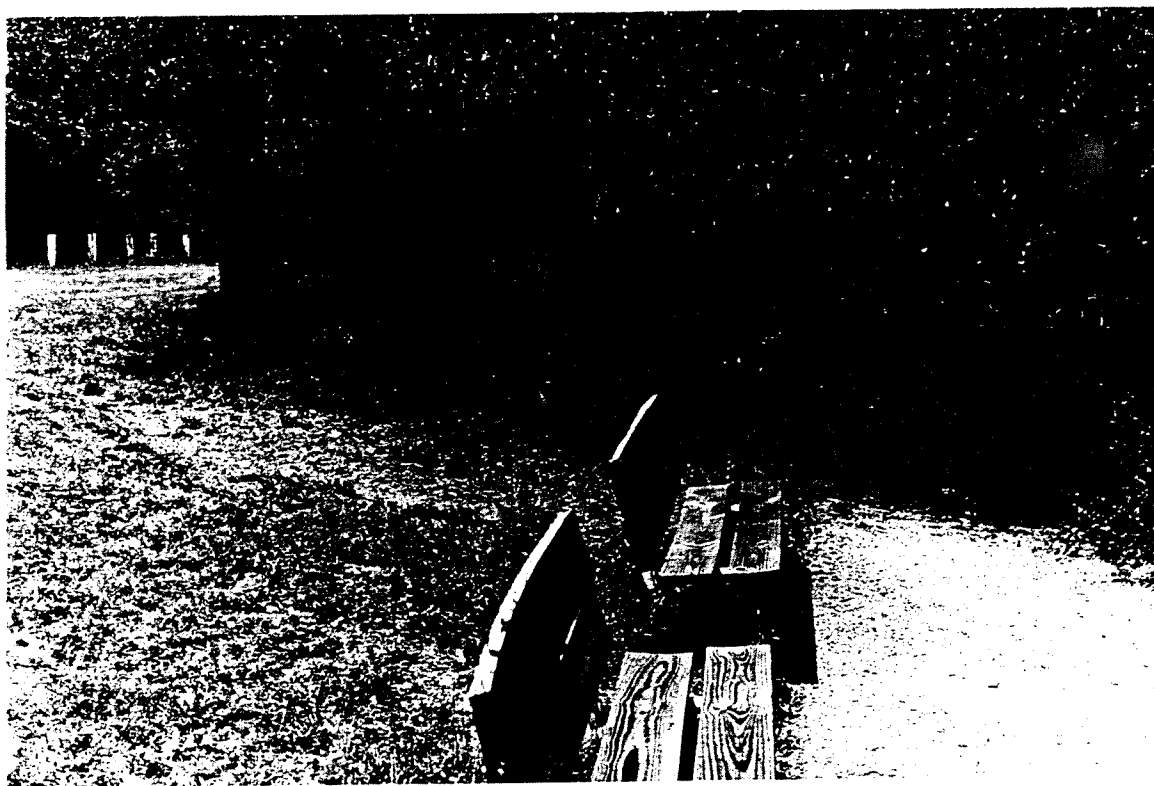
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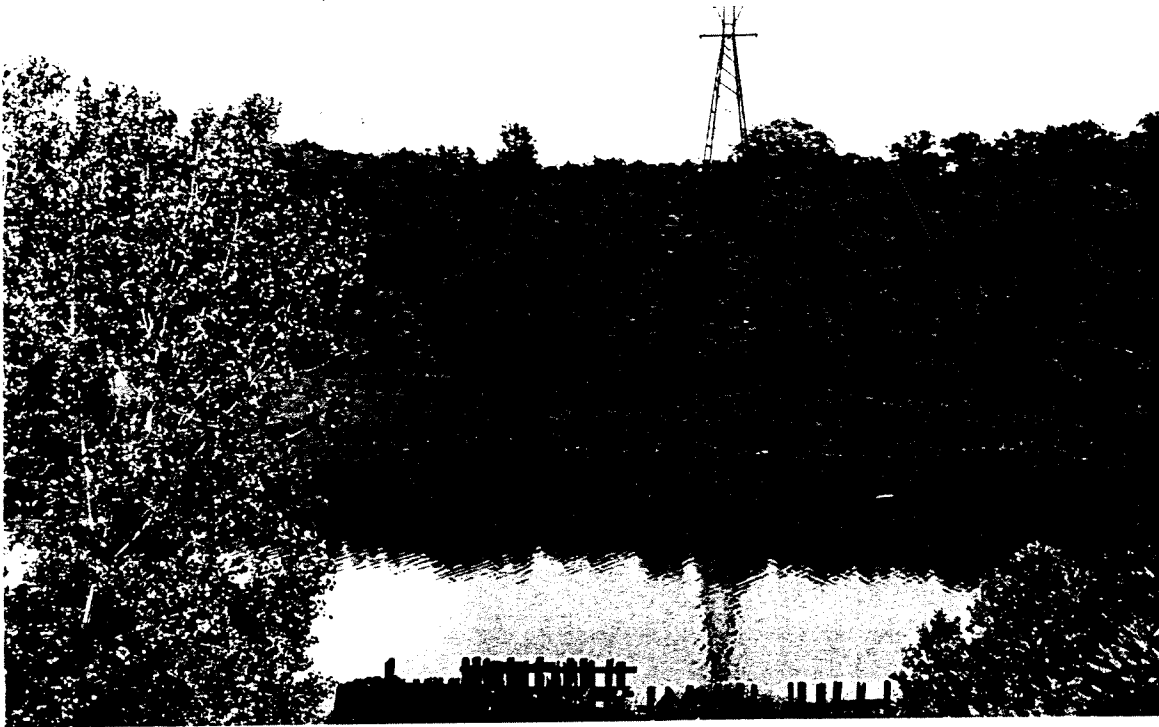
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Turning Point Park Map and park rules #1 - Carry out all trash.



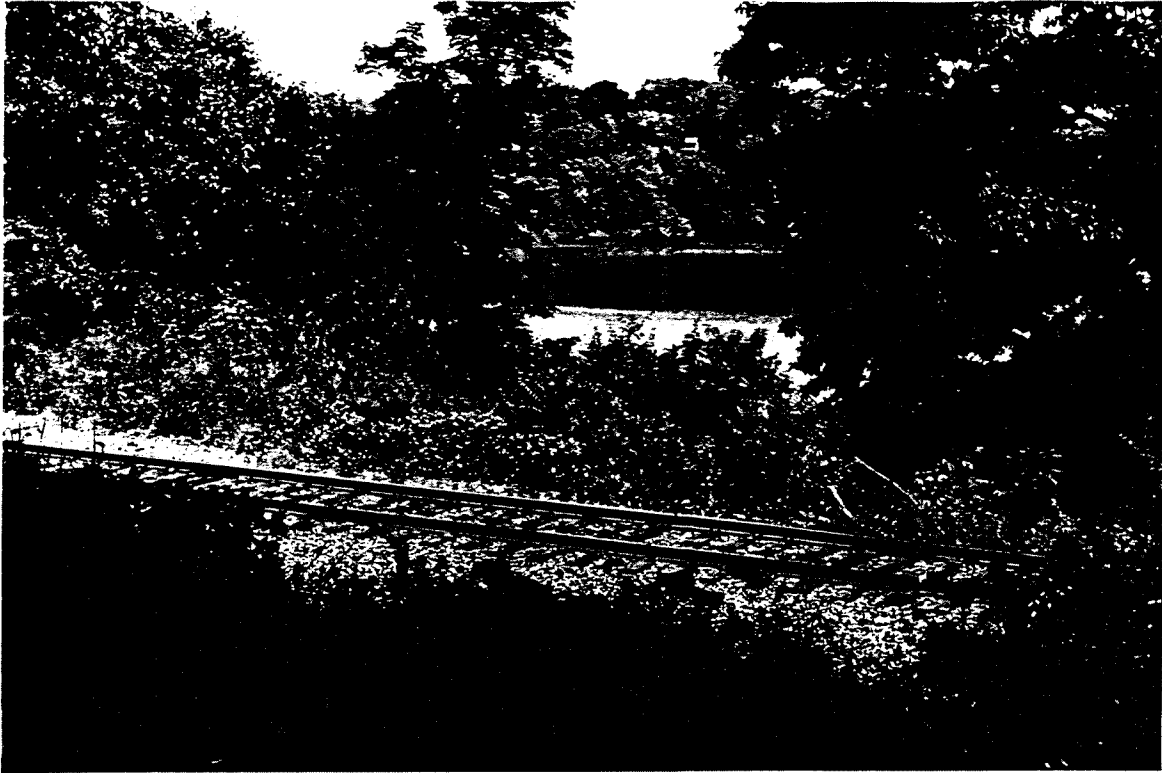
Turning Point Park Amenities



Turning Point Park Wetland Overlook



Turning Point Park - see Park Rule # 1



View from rear property line of 228 River Heights Circle



View from rear property line of 238 River Heights Circle

Replacement Parcel, Charlotte Area

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View from rear property line of 238 River Heights Circle (con't)



View from rear property line of 238 River Heights Circle (con't)

Further Considerations

Even if the developers of Brooks Landing should find another parcel of land to exchange with the 6(f) parcel they desire in Genesee Valley Park West, that does actually fulfill NEPA requirements, there are many more factors to consider that impact the 19th Ward negatively that make the proposed development of Brooks Landing Sub Area I unacceptable on several grounds including: the negative impact on the environment and the fact that the negative impact will be borne by a low income, minority population who are entitled to protection from such exploitation by the Environmental Justice section of NEPA (1969).

Alternatives:

I Genesee Valley Park West roadway - So. Plymouth Ave.

Alternative 1: Leave So. Plymouth Avenue open to the public and as a vehicular thoroughfare.

Before the 'temporary' closure of Brooks Ave. between So. Plymouth Ave. and Genesee St., on average, over 12,438 motorists per day availed themselves of the pleasure of driving unimpeded through Genesee Valley Park West on So. Plymouth Ave. There are no RGRTA bus stops (only Bus No. 6 utilizes this road but there are no designated stops for it. The No. 6 bus line has a designated stop and shelter located inside Genesee Valley Park at the Sports Center's half-moon driveway). The So. Plymouth Ave. park roadway has no intersecting/feeding streets nor are there any traffic lights nor stop signs. There is limited On Street Parking during the day. And so for decades traffic has flowed very smoothly and efficiently, allowing motorists to enjoy the scenic ride through the park and vistas of the Genesee River.

Alternative 1 Negative Impacts:

None.

Alternative 2:

Close So. Plymouth Avenue, between Brooks Ave. and Elmwood Ave., to vehicular thoroughfare.

Alternative 2 Negative Impacts:

First of all, this closure will take away the public's right to drive through Genesee Valley Park West and enjoy the park. Closure will also negatively impact the general public in other critical ways:

- It will prohibit the use of So. Plymouth Ave. by emergency vehicles going to and from Strong Memorial Hospital (just to the east of the Elmwood Ave. bridge).
- It will prohibit use of So. Plymouth Ave. by Fire Dept. vehicles driving to the east side of the Genesee River.
- It will also prohibit use by the RGRTA No. 6 bus line.

- Moreover, closure eliminates an easily accessible (from both sides of the Genesee River) public emergency/catastrophe evacuation route.

Furthermore, the pedestrian cross-walk/crossing signals, where the U of R footbridge meets So. Plymouth Ave., are removed from So. Plymouth Ave. making it dangerous for pedestrians to cross So. Plymouth Ave. north of Brooks Ave.

Secondly, the closure of this "principle arterial" will have a major negative impact on Genesee Street and Elmwood Avenue where currently:

- three RGRTA bus lines service Genesee St. (Nos. 4, 12, 18/19)
- there are eight RGRTA bus stops on Genesee St.
- there are four RGRTA bus stops on Elmwood Ave.
- there is On Street Parking on both sides of Genesee St. between Brooks Ave. and Elmwood Ave. 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- because this section of Genesee St. is primarily residential with several small businesses there is a great deal of pedestrian usage/crossing of Genesee St.
- on the west side of Genesee St. there are four streets that "T" into Genesee St. without traffic lights
- on the east side of Genesee St. there are four streets that "T" into Genesee St. without traffic lights and
- on the east side of Genesee St. there is an access driveway for a multi-unit, multi-building apartment complex

Brooks Landing Sub Area I closure of So. Plymouth Ave. will add on to the current traffic load listed above by:

- forcing an additional "average daily traffic of 12,438 vehicles per day" to use Genesee St. and Elmwood Ave.,
- forcing emergency vehicles heading to Strong Memorial Hospital and destinations east of Genesee River to use a congested city street,
- causing the addition of another RGRTA bus route (No. 6 bus) to use Genesee St. and Elmwood Ave.,

Traffic congestion will be further compounded by the addition of two Brooks Landing Sub Area I driveways:

- The flow of east bound traffic on Brooks Ave. will be slowed by vehicles making an acute right-hand turn off of Brooks Ave into the Sub Area I north driveway - parking lot. Vehicles attempting to exit via the Brooks Ave. driveway will have to compete with east-bound Brooks Ave. traffic (Brooks Ave. green light traffic + Genesee St. 'Right on Red' traffic) and then Genesee St. east bound traffic turning right or turning left onto Brooks Ave. (during Brooks Ave. red light).

- Since there is only one south bound lane, south of Brooks Ave., the flow of south bound traffic on Genesee St. will be impeded by vehicles stopped to turn left off of Genesee St. into the Sub Area I driveway - parking lot. As you can see from the photographs, there are two commercial driveways with in/out access to Genesee St. plus parallel parking, between Brooks Ave. and the Sub Area I Genesee St. driveway which will further complicate the flow of south bound traffic.

Vehicles attempting to exit Sub Area I parking lot and turn left to proceed

south on Genesee St. will have to compete with a stream of traffic ('Right on Red' Brooks Ave. or Genesee St. green light). Motorists desiring to drive south on Genesee St. are limited to this driveway because the median at the Brooks Ave. driveway prevents left hand turns.

- Both Sub Area I driveways pass over pedestrian walkways that will not have crossing lights.

- All of this traffic load will be further multiplied by the additional traffic generated by the commercial enterprises planned for Sub Areas II and III.

FRA Engineering, P.C. have collected traffic data for "Peak Traffic Volumes" on So. Plymouth Ave., Brooks Ave., Genesee St. and Elmwood Ave. When the numbers of vehicles using So. Plymouth Ave. (after closure) are added to Brooks Ave., Genesee St. and Elmwood Ave. one can see that the percent increases of traffic are between 58% and 169%. FRA Eng. have promoted the concept that by coordinating traffic signals between Brooks Ave., Genesee Park Blvd. and Elmwood Ave. and by repaving those intersections and installing new curbs and medians that those are the only changes required in the 19th Ward to accommodate an additional 12,000 + vehicles per day on Genesee St. This coordination of signals assumption falls apart entirely when one factors in any or all of the following typical traffic situations on Genesee Street:

- traffic flow halted behind busses that block traffic while stopped to pick up/drop off passengers
- traffic flow halted behind vehicles waiting to turn left into commercial driveways and parking lots
- traffic flow halted behind vehicles waiting to let vehicles exit driveways and parking lots
- traffic flow halted behind vehicles waiting to turn left onto:
Terrace Park, Congress Ave., Spruce Ave. Weldon St., Grandview, Arvine Park, Oakhill View, Arvine Heights or the driveway to the apartment complex. None of these streets have traffic lights to facilitate entrance or exit of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

As you can see from the plans and photographs, the City of Rochester has no intention of ameliorating any of the above listed traffic flow inhibitors, therefore, the conclusion of the environmental assessment that "Adverse impacts to transportation resulting from the conversion are expected to be minimal" is absolutely insupportable and is refuted elsewhere in the ES; "A traffic analysis was conducted that models and predicts that the severing of South Plymouth Avenue has the potential to produce major localized impact due to increased traffic resulting from the closure of a segment of South Plymouth Avenue and the additional hotel and restaurant traffic." Figure 51 plainly shows that the developers have attempted to 'work around' this traffic situation by allowing for a "vehicular ingress/egress easement" - in other words - 'a road' because they are expecting and encouraging motorists to use the parking lot as a thoroughfare, in spite of the fact that that would be a dangerous use of a parking lot. The ES states elsewhere "adverse impacts to ... community character resulting from the conversion are expected to be minimal," as though converting a neighborhood street into a "principle arterial" will not change its character for the worse.

Traffic Volumes
Impact on Genesee Street Traffic Load from
Rerouting Traffic Due to Closure of So. Plymouth Avenue
Data Source: FRA Engineering, P. C. Traffic Reports

Weekday Morning Peak Hour

Genesee Street		<u>Current</u>	<u>Future</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Section A (Brooks Ave. - Genesee Park Blvd.)	Southbound	150	586	
	Northbound	<u>270</u>	<u>495</u>	
	Total	420	1,081	157 %
Section B (Genesee Park Blvd. - Elmwood Ave.)	Southbound	394	830	
	Northbound	<u>283</u>	<u>508</u>	
	Total	677	1,338	98 %
Elmwood Avenue				
Section C (between Genesee St. and Elmwood bridge)	Eastbound	836	1272	
	Westbound	<u>322</u>	<u>547</u>	
	Total	1,158	1,819	58 %

Weekday Evening Peak Hour

Genesee Street		<u>Current</u>	<u>Future</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Section A (Brooks Ave. - Genesee Park Blvd.)	Southbound	298	678	
	Northbound	<u>234</u>	<u>751</u>	
	Total	532	1,429	169 %
Section B (Genesee Park Blvd. - Elmwood Ave.)	Southbound	355	735	
	Northbound	<u>484</u>	<u>1001</u>	
	Total	839	1,736	107 %
Elmwood Avenue				
Section C (between Genesee St. and Elmwood bridge)	Eastbound	381	761	
	Westbound	<u>1084</u>	<u>1601</u>	
	Total	1,465	2,362	61 %

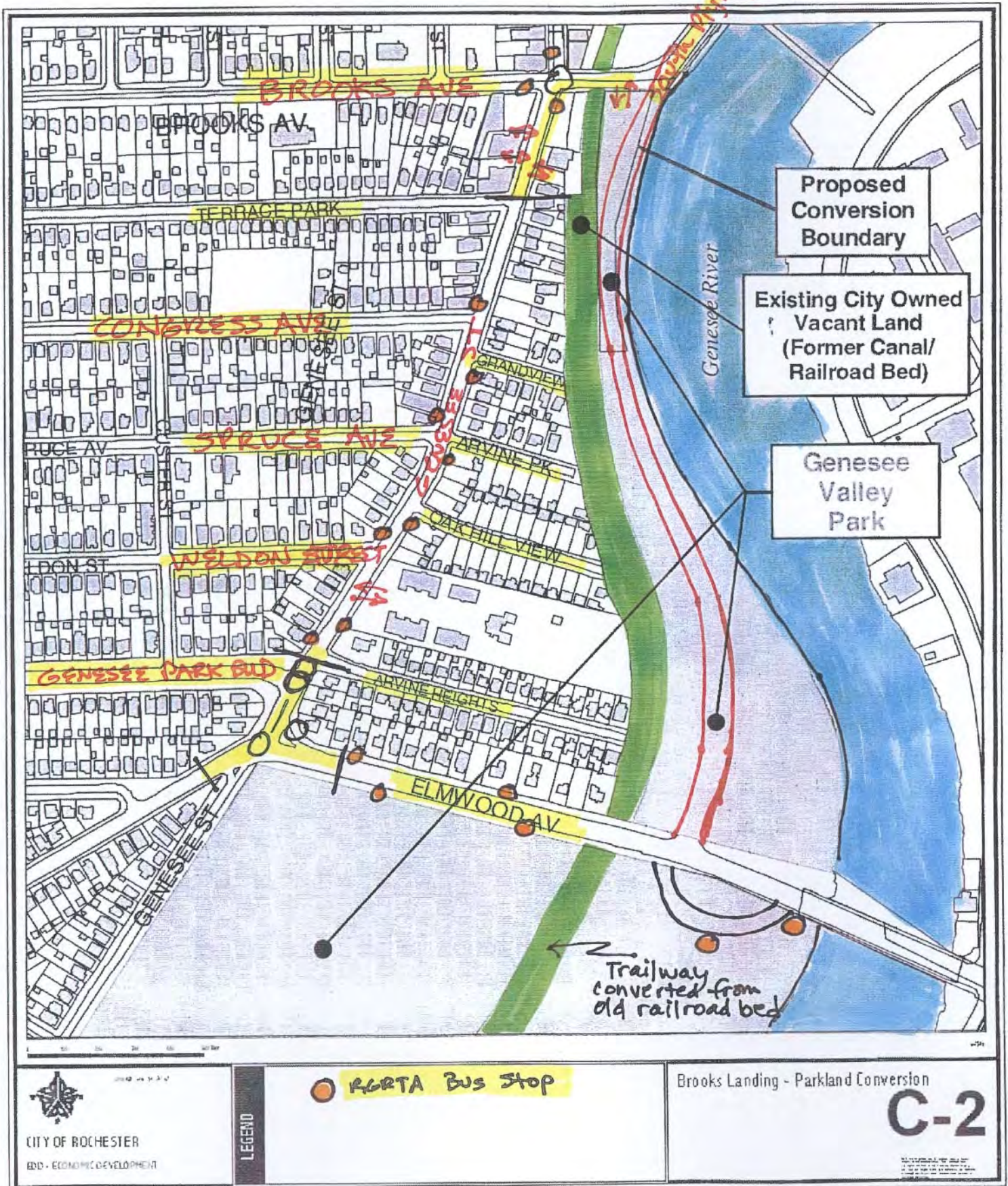
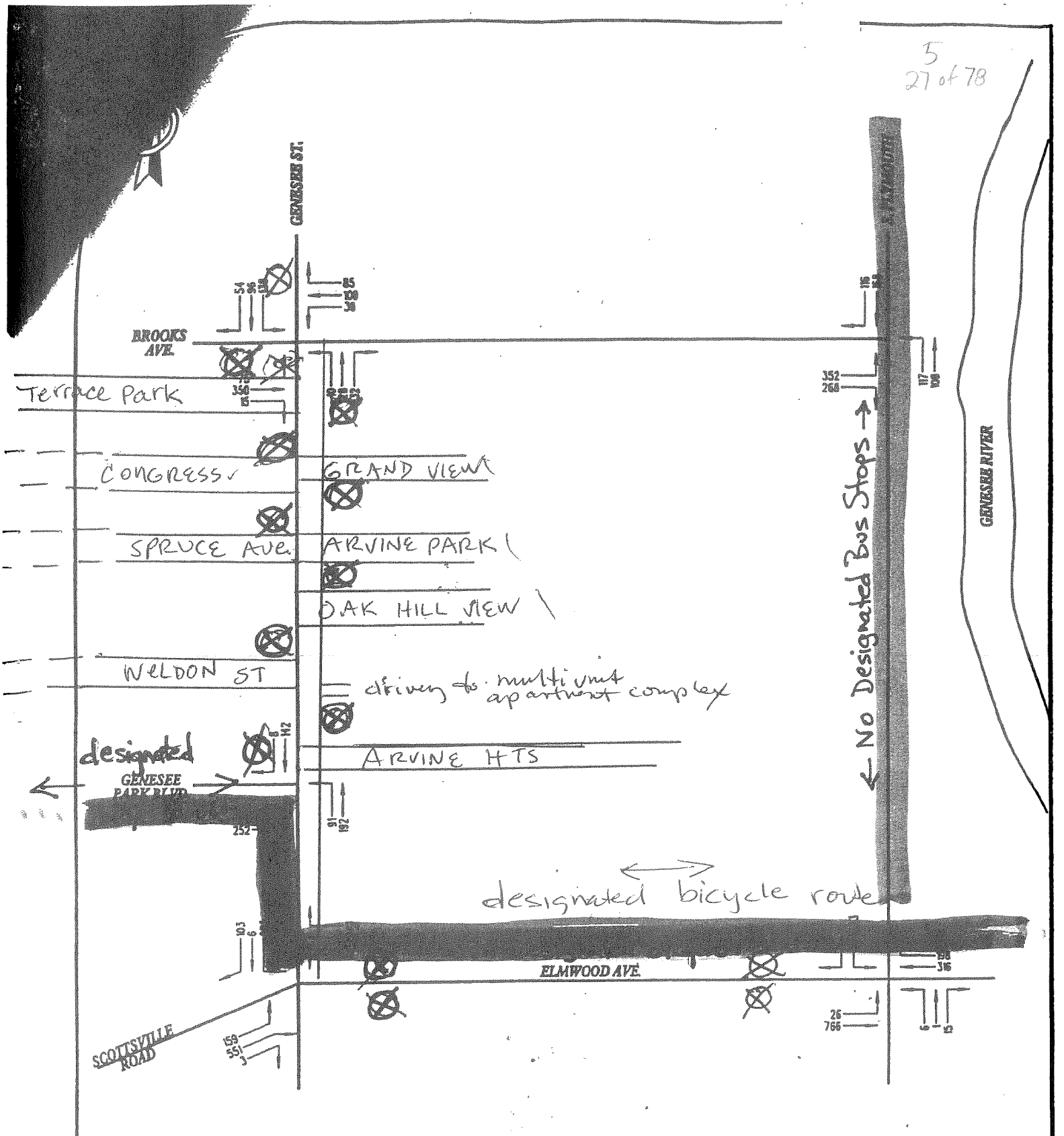


Figure 34



⊗ = RGRTA (Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority) Busstop

FIGURE 1

EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES
WEEKDAY MORNING PEAK HOUR

FRA ENGINEERING, P.C.

Current North bound

~~Future North bound~~

GENESEE ST.

S. PLYMOUTH

BROOKS AVE.

Section A.

GENESEE RIVER

270
+225

495 $\approx 83\%$ increase
North bound

↑
225

GENESEE PARK BLVD.

Section B

283
+225

508 $\approx 80\%$ increase
North bound

ELMWOOD AVE.

Section C.

SCOTTSTOWN ROAD

322
+225

547 $\approx 70\%$ increase westbound

Current Westbound
~~Future Westbound~~

FIGURE 1

EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES
WEEKDAY MORNING PEAK HOUR

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Current Southbound

Future Southbound

GENESEE ST.

S. PLYMOUTH

BROOKS AVE.

Section A.

GENESEE PARK BLVD.

Section B.

ELMWOOD AVE.

SCOTTSDALE ROAD

GENESEE RIVER

436
↓

Section C.

Future Eastbound

150
+436
586 ~ 340% increase Southbound

394
+436
830 ~ 110% increase Southbound

836 current Eastbound
+436
1272 ~ 52% increase Eastbound

116
168
352
268
117
108

23
423
198
316
26
766
6
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FIGURE 1

EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES
WEEKDAY MORNING PEAK HOUR

Current Southbound

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GENESEE ST.

S. PLYMOUTH

BROOKS AVE.

Section A.

298
+ 380

678

100% increase
Southbound

380
↓

GENESEE PARK BLVD.

Section B.

355
+ 380

735

107% increase
Southbound

ELMWOOD AVE.

COTTSMORE ROAD

381 current Eastbound

+ 380

761

100% increase
Eastbound

Section C.

Future Eastbound

FIGURE 2

EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES
WEEKDAY EVENING PEAK HOUR

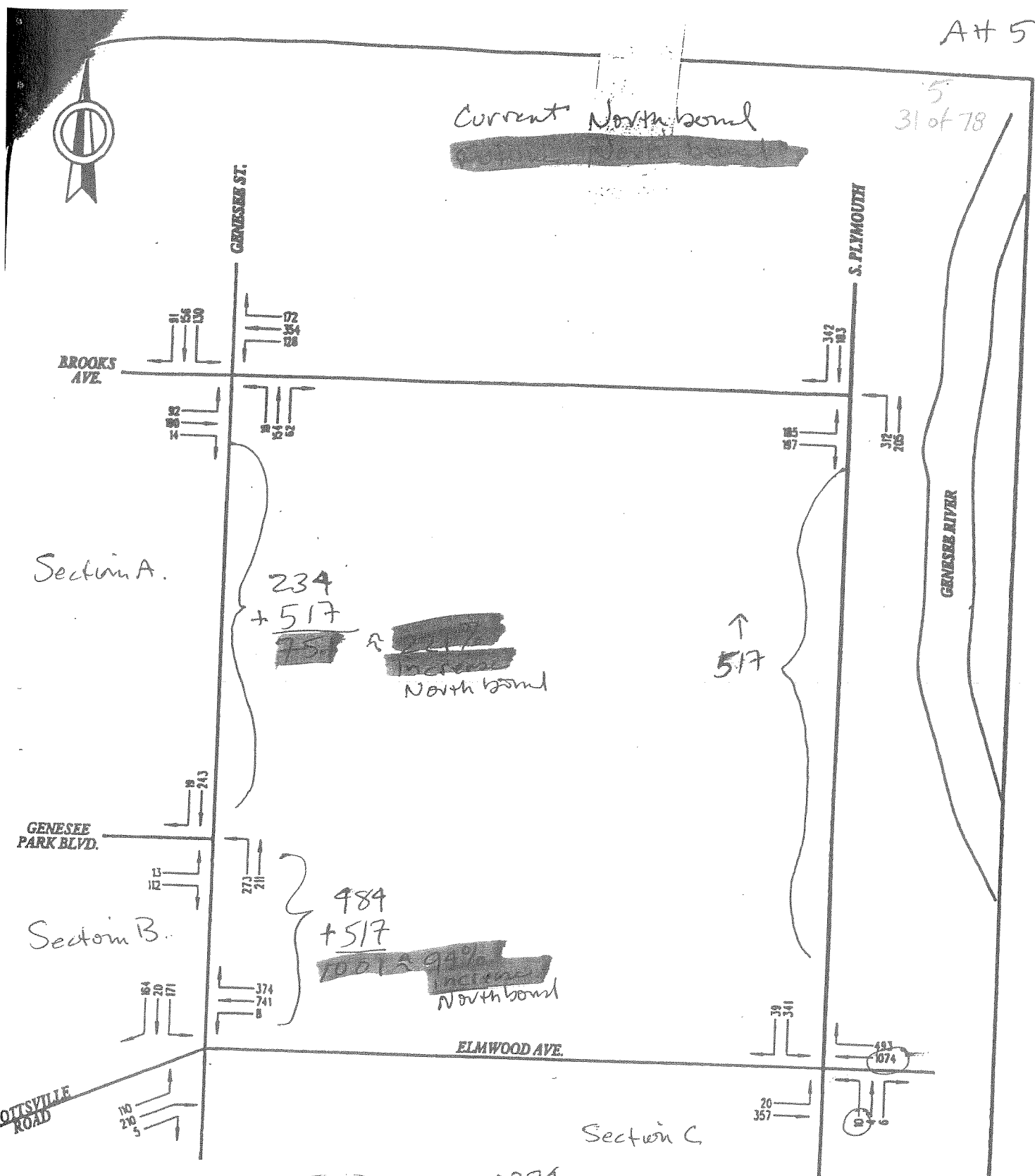
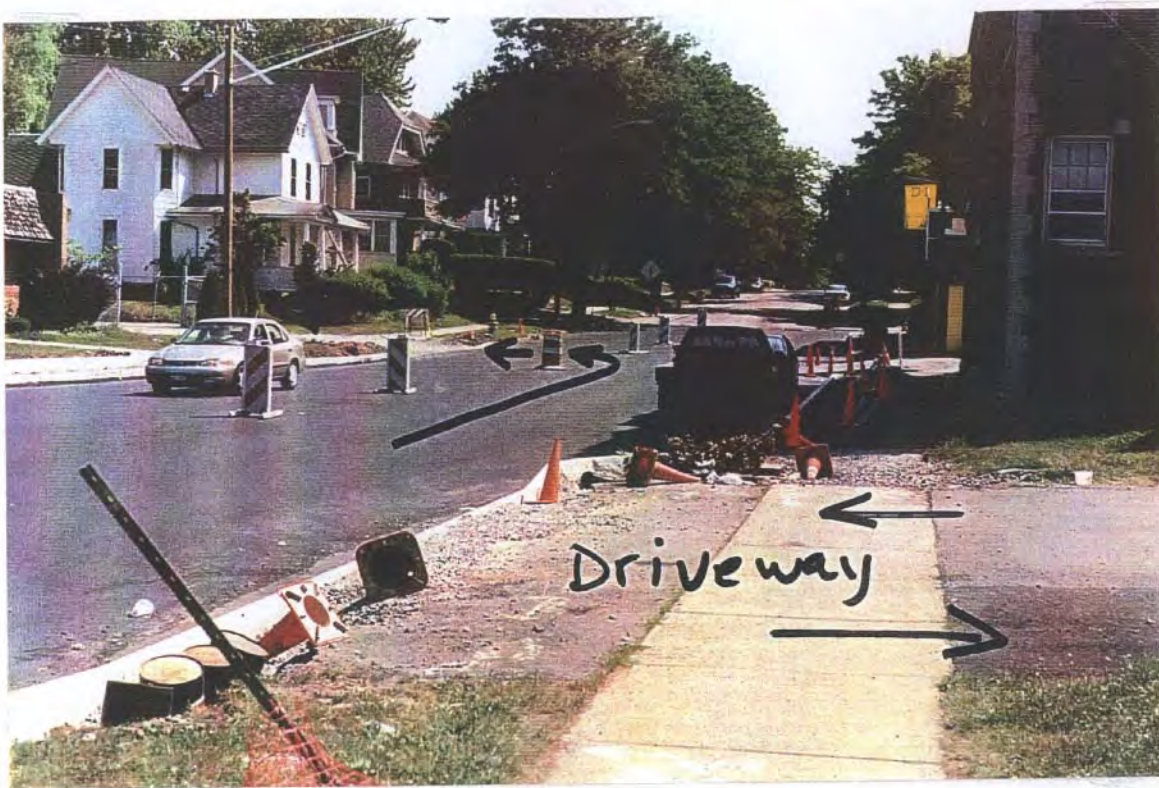


FIGURE 2

EXISTING TRAFFIC VOLUMES
WEEKDAY EVENING PEAK HOUR

Genesee Street, looking south from intersection with Brooks Ave. Note that street improvements end at Terrace Park across from No. 1016 Genesee St.

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Driveway in/out for commercial parking lot, parallel parking, arrows indicate left hand turn for Brooks Landing Sub Area I driveway.



Arrow indicates left hand turn into Brooks Landing Sub Area I driveway directly in front of in/out driveway for D&L Restaurant/Deli/Take-out and parallel parking section.

See
Downtown Section
map (on back side)
for downtown
bus service



II Genesee Valley Park Trailway (north-south pedestrian greenway-path through GVPW that was once a railroad bed).

Alternative 1:

Currently all residents of the 19th Ward may use this Trailway through the park between Brooks Avenue and Elmwood Avenue. This is a naturally scenic and active pedestrian route that connects the 19th Ward and the Elmwood Avenue Bridge, the University of Rochester, the park lands east of Genesee River and also the facilities in Genesee Valley Park West south of Elmwood Ave. There is no motorized vehicular traffic on this Trailway. It is bordered with hedges and shrubs, the trail is mown grass.

The homes whose properties abut GVPW's western border have free access from their property directly onto the Trailway and into the park. For generations many of these 19th Ward residents have landscaped and maintained the land between their property lines and the site of the railroad bed Trailway - based on historic agreements made with the railroad companies. The hedges, vegetation, and greenspace that comprise this trailway are an integral part of the natural mitigators of any sound and light coming from traffic on So. Plymouth Ave. to the east.

Alternative 1 Negative Impacts:

None.

Alternative 2:

Approximately 33% of the length of this Trailway corridor will be paved over and converted to parking spaces for a restaurant and Extended Stay Residence. An 8 ft. high barricading wall will be placed at the eastern edge of the property lines of eight residential properties on Genesee St.

Alternative 2 Negative Impacts:

The trailway/greenspace, and gardens maintained for decades by 19th Ward residents will be destroyed. The barricading wall will eliminate completely, for over 12 families, the free access from their property into Genesee Valley Park West. The barricading wall will in places cause snow melt off drainage problems for Genesee St. properties. Light pollution will be generated by over 14 light poles in the parking lot (15 ft high - rising 7 ft. above the 8 ft. barricading wall), by the Extended Stay Residence and the restaurant, and by vehicles entering and leaving the parking lot at night. Noise pollution will also be generated by entrance and parking lot vehicular traffic (including idling engines) as well as from people entering and leaving the Extended Stay Residence, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Alternative 2 Negative Impact mitigators:

There are indications on the Concept Landscape Plan that show an intention of planting saplings and shrubs. However, it will take 20 - 40+ years for these plantings to take hold and grow to the height of the trees now living in the park. In the meantime, they will not be capable of mitigating the negative impacts

of light or noise. Furthermore, I have been told by Bergman Associates that all documented site plans are at this time tentative, and therefore, there are no guarantees as to what will be planted or, much less, what will thrive.

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III Genesee Valley Park

Alternative 1:

Currently Genesee Valley Park between Brooks Avenue and Elmwood Avenue has old growth trees, vegetation, and open/green spaces that are freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This public park land provides space for recreation and is an oasis of natural beauty for the 19th Ward residents while also providing natural habitat for birds, migratory fowl, and animals. It is what the designer, Fredrick Law Olmsted, intended it to be; an open, inviting, accessible northwestern gateway into Genesee Valley Park. As my friend says, driving through Genesee Valley Park 'is good for the soul.'

Alternative 1 Negative Impacts:

None.

Alternative 2:

The Brooks Landing Sub Area I proposal would replace freely accessible, open to the public, Genesee Valley Park West (NPS land) with:

- a privately owned and operated Extended Stay Residence
15,000 sq. ft., 4/5 stories tall,
86 rooms with kitchenettes,
health spa including indoor swimming pool
patio overlooking the river for residents and their guests
- a privately owned and operated "First Class Restaurant"
5,000 sq. ft.
seating 250 - 300 persons
- a privately owned and operated parking lot for 167+ vehicles
- a waterfront promenade / boat landing.

Alternative 2 Negative Impacts:

Environmental:

Water - Boat Landing:

I have not seen anywhere in the EA mention of probable water pollution created by motorized water craft (gasoline and engine oil leakage, effluent leakage (or illegal dumping), and trash/refuse thrown overboard) or how this pollution will be mitigated.

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Air and Noise:

Very stringent New York State law prohibits any smoking in public buildings. To accommodate smokers, Staybridge Suites typically set aside 10 -

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15% of their residential suites for cigarette smokers. This means that visitors to 'non-smoking suites' and staff must stand outside the building, in the parking lot, to smoke. The restaurant patrons and staff who smoke will also have to stand outside, in the parking lot, to smoke. The EA does not mention anywhere how this previously non-existent pollution in the backyards of the homes on Genesee St. will be mitigated.

The EA mentions that odors from the restaurant kitchen will be a source of air pollution, but neglects to mention that each of the Staybridge Suites will have a kitchenette; 86 other sources of odor pollution. Furthermore, these 86 units will also be producing garbage that will be going into an industrial size dumpster, to be located at the eastern property line of No. 1056 Genesee St. There is no mention of how this previously nonexistent stink from rotting food and refuse will be mitigated.

The parking lot is planned to accommodate parking for 167 vehicles. Usage of the parking lot will include the

Driving, idling and/or parking of:

garbage disposal trucks,
delivery trucks and vans,
taxicabs, and
cars

for the restaurant and Staybridge Suites':

patrons,
residents,
visitors,
employees and
'ingress/egress easement' traffic

all of which will create hitherto nonexistent air and noise pollution in the backyards of the homes on Genesee St. and beyond.

This situation will be compounded by the forcing of 12,000+ cars a day (that would previously have used So. Plymouth Ave. with all of the natural mitigators provided by trees, vegetation and distance) to use Genesee St. , thus creating additional air pollution in front of the houses on Genesee St. Furthermore, because of congestion created on Genesee St. by this additional traffic, cars will stand idling while waiting for second and third green lights, thus creating even more air pollution. As I state elsewhere, the currently intended planting of saplings and a few shrubs will not even begin to mitigate the above pollutions.

Additionally, the EA has not mentioned how the air and noise pollution created by additional river usage, docking, and idling water craft will be mitigated - they brush it off with a "not expected to produce a measurable impact" as though air and noise pollution can not be measured, yet they have proposed an 175' long dock without any information as to the maximum capacity of motorized water craft able/allowed to dock there.

The cumulative effects of all the increases in pollution that will be produced by Brooks Landing Sub Area I have conveniently been dismissed as irrelevant.

Plants:

The old growth trees that provide habitat, shade, shelter, and sound mitigation will be destroyed. Hedges and flowering bushes that also provide

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habitat, shelter, and sound mitigation will also be destroyed. Lilac trees (Official Flower of the City of Rochester) planted 30 years ago will also be destroyed.

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Animals:

The restaurant and Staybridge Suites garbage dumpsters will draw rats, raccoons, possums, and squirrels which will then also be attracted to invade the garbage totes on the properties nearby. The EA does not mention a plan for mitigating rodent infestation caused by commercial garbage.

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Structural:

"Brooks Landing Revitalization Project ... aims to revitalize the Brooks/Genesee neighborhood." The promoters claim that the "project will have a positive economic and community development impact on the nearby community" i.e. the 19th Ward. One goal being "to have private, market driven investments in the tourism industry that result in additional revenue for businesses and jobs for local residents."

Extended Stay Residence:

The developers of the Brooks Landing Sub Area I proposal have decided that instead of a hotel they would put an Extended Stay Residence in its place. They have decided to go with a franchised Intercontinental Hotels Group/Holiday Inn /Staybridge Suites (rooms with kitchenettes and weekly housekeeping). The franchise will be held by Rochester Riverfront Property, L.P. So far, this Limited Partnership has only one partner/investor, Mr. Ron Christenson who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Rochester Riverfront Property will pay a yearly franchise fee to Holiday Inn with possibly a yearly bonus if profits exceed a given threshold.

To date, the major benefactors of this development will be Holiday Inn (a multinational corporation) and Mr. Christenson, a Minnesotan - not a Rochesterian. Is it likely that they will be investing their profits in Rochester? As for local jobs, except for a managerial position, the jobs created by this Extended Stay Residence will be desk clerks, housekeepers, and maintenance workers - 'service industry' jobs. The same is true for the restaurant as anyone familiar with modern American business practice knows, franchises and service providers typically offer only part-time, minimum wage, no/low benefits jobs. Will these jobs go to 19th Ward residents, a neighborhood that is 70% minority? Will these types of jobs provide an income sufficient to support home ownership in the 19th Ward and the rearing of families?

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Current Staybridge Suite charges:

	Per night cost , 1 to 30 consecutive days	Per night cost, over 30 consecutive days	Total cost for 31 consecutive days
Studio	\$107.16	\$90.93	\$2,818.83
One Bedroom	\$128.82	\$101.75	\$3,154.25
Two Bedroom	\$161.29	\$123.41	\$3,825.71

The 19th Ward, according to the 2000 U. S. Census, has a median household income of \$32,790 with almost 14% of the population below the poverty level. Can anyone think that this Extended Stay Residence will serve the 19th Ward in any way other than to possibly provide low wage, dead-end jobs? Is it legal/feasible to hire

only residents of the 19th Ward?

There have been discussions justifying the building of this Extended Stay Residence based on the possibility that the University of Rochester would use it to house visiting professors. The figures below show what it would cost for one professor to spend one semester living in a Staybridge Suite.

	Per night cost, over 30 consecutive days	Total cost for semester, 122 consecutive days
Studio	\$90.93	\$11,093.46
One Bedroom	\$101.75	\$12,413.50
Two Bedroom	\$123.41	\$15,056.02

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Of course, it is unthinkable that a college professor could afford these rates for temporary accommodations. Staybridge Suites sales directors are allowed to negotiate discounted rates, in which case, it is possible that University of Rochester personnel would be allowed usage of the Staybridge Suites at a rate far lower than the rate offered to other residents, thus creating an 'apartment building with weekly housekeeping' for University of Rochester staff.

Or, on the other hand, should economics seem to warrant it, the Extended Stay Residence could be converted into an office building for the University of Rochester. There is already a precedence for this just a couple of minutes walk from the U of R campus at the intersection of Mt. Hope Ave. and Elmwood Ave. where in the early 1980's a Holiday Inn - Motor Lodge was converted into an office building for the University of Rochester (see photographs of UR Towne House). Presumably, that Holiday Inn was built to promote and support Rochester's tourism industry.

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'Holiday Inn - Motor Lodge' City of Rochester, N.Y.
corner of Elmwood Avenue and Mt. Hope Avenue
Built to promote/support the tourism industry in Rochester.



UR Towne House - now University of Rochester property - view from Mt. Hope Avenue



University of Rochester offices and parking lot at UR Towne House

'Holiday Inn - Motor Lodge' City of Rochester, N.Y.
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Holiday Inn - converted to University of Rochester property - view from Elmwood Avenue



University of Rochester security vehicles, offices, and parking lot at UR Towne House

Restaurant:

According to my telephone conversation with Commissioner Fashun Ku on 29 June 2005, currently there are no investors for a restaurant nor any idea of what 'first class' restaurant would occupy the 5,000 sq. foot area in Genesee Valley Park. But the developers are still asking for park land, even though they can not say exactly what they will do with it or when.

Parking lot:

"The parking for the restaurant and hotel will be located between the structures and the higher embankment to the west, effectively screening it from view." (ES -4) Fig. 51 shows quite plainly the plans for an 81 vehicle parking lot in plain sight of the corner of Genesee St. and Brooks Ave. During the winter months this area will serve as storage for mounds of plowed snow (even more of a barrier between the neighborhood and Sub Area I).

According to the EA site plans, 86 parking spaces are required for the 86 room Extended Stay Residence and 50 parking spaces are required for the proposed 5,000 sq. ft. restaurant (10 per 1,000 sq. ft.) yet the proposed parking lot is for 167 spaces. This site plan leaves 31 unaccounted for parking spaces conveniently located south of the Extended Stay Residence and right next to Genesee Valley Park West - situated such that after the park land has been ceded, further commercial building (3,000 sq. ft.) can take place without the regulation or approval of the National Park Service. The site plan also places 10 public parking spaces on the truncated So. Plymouth Ave., so it is obvious they do not intend to share their private parking lot with the public.

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Sign in a GVPW parking lot; "Parking by U of R Permit Only Mon - Fri"

Waterfront promenade / boat landing

The height of the Genesee River fluctuates between 510 ft. and a flood level of 517.6 ft and on average it is about 512.9 which means that depending on precipitation and/or the release of water from the Mt. Morris dam, the distance between the river height and the docks could be between 3 ft. and 10 ft. For most motorized water craft this might not pose a problem, but for canoeists and kayakers trying to disembark, even at the lower end of the boat landing, it would be difficult.

Is it prudent to spend public funds on another Genesee Valley Park West boat landing when it already has the Genesee Waterways Center which is

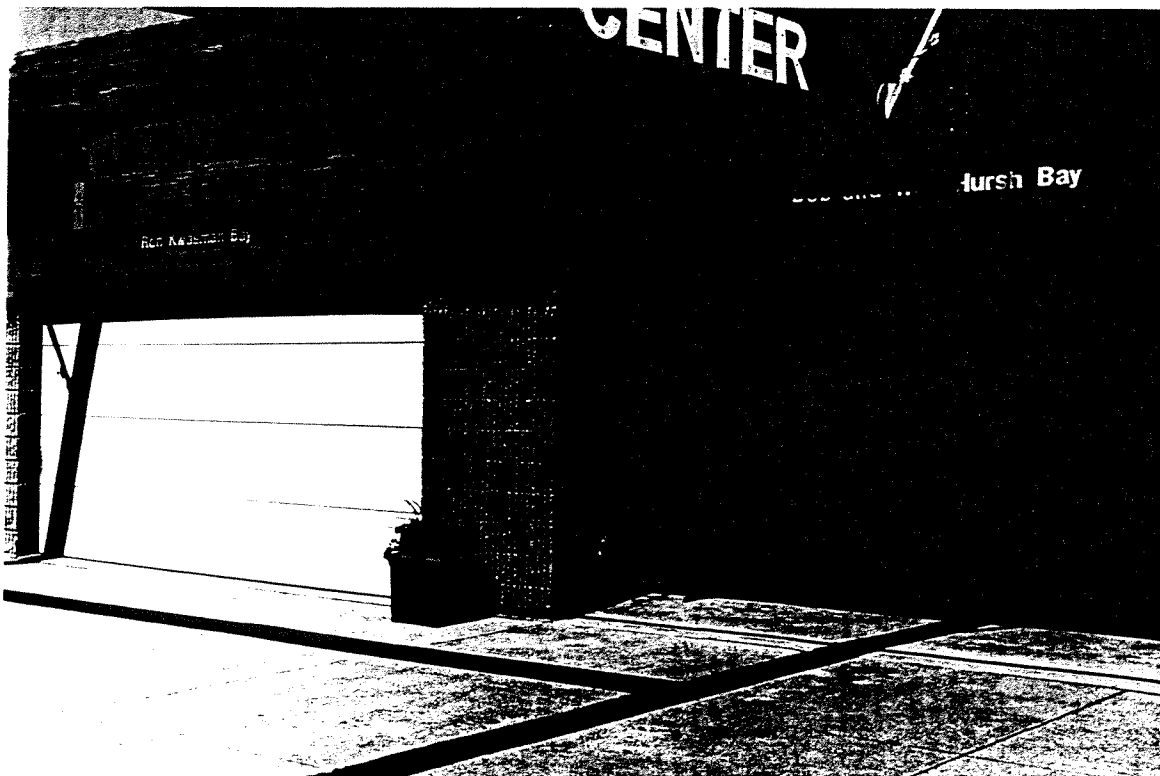
- free and open to the public,
- provides launches for the public's water craft,
- provides rental canoes or kayaks,
- provides public docking,
- and provides storage for the University of Rochester's Racing Team's sculls.

As you can see from the photographs, Genesee Valley Park West already provides access for low impact, ecologically - environmentally friendly, non petroleum dependent water craft that is also very user friendly. Launching for motorized water craft is also available.

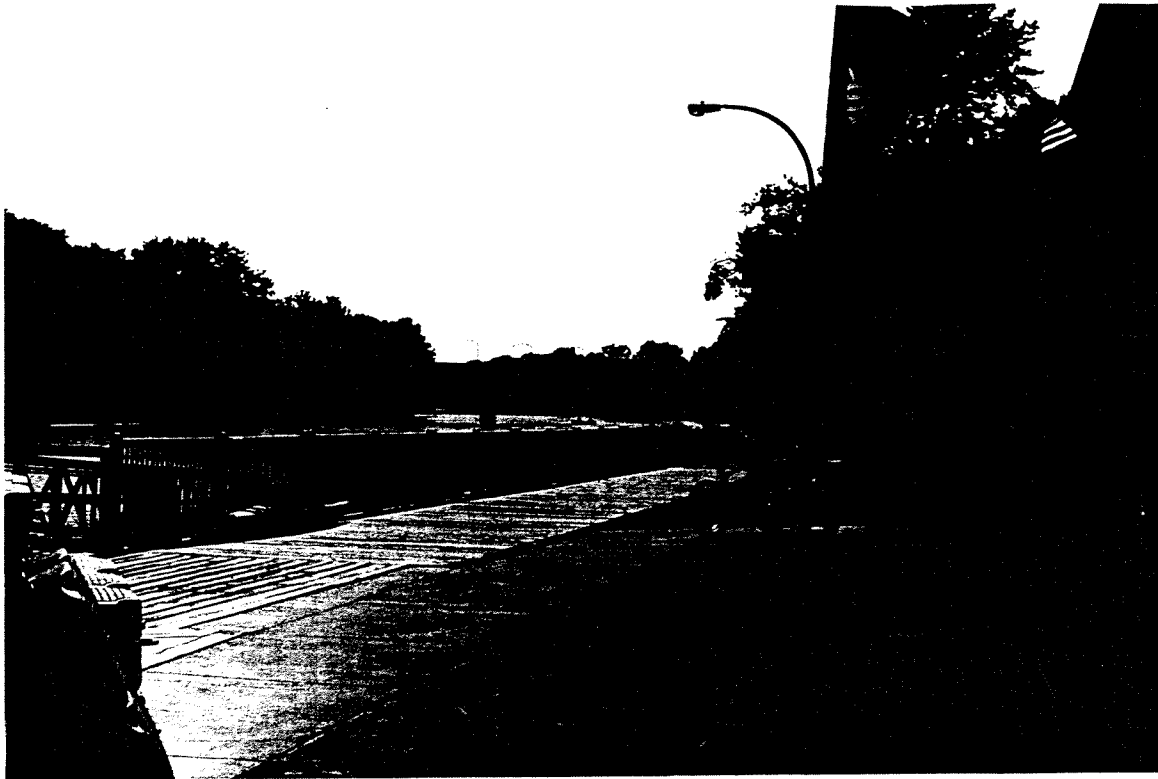
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Entrance to Genesee Waterways Center



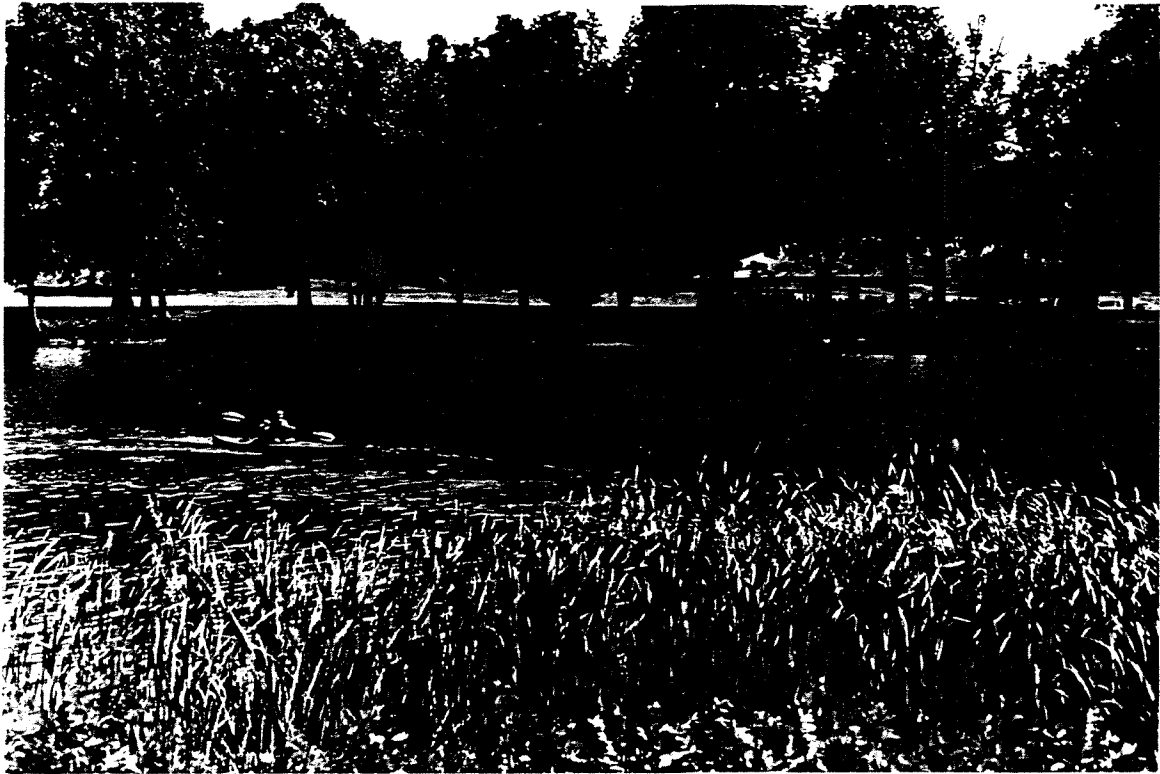
Genesee Waterways Center - storage bays for canoes, kayaks, and U of R rowing sculls



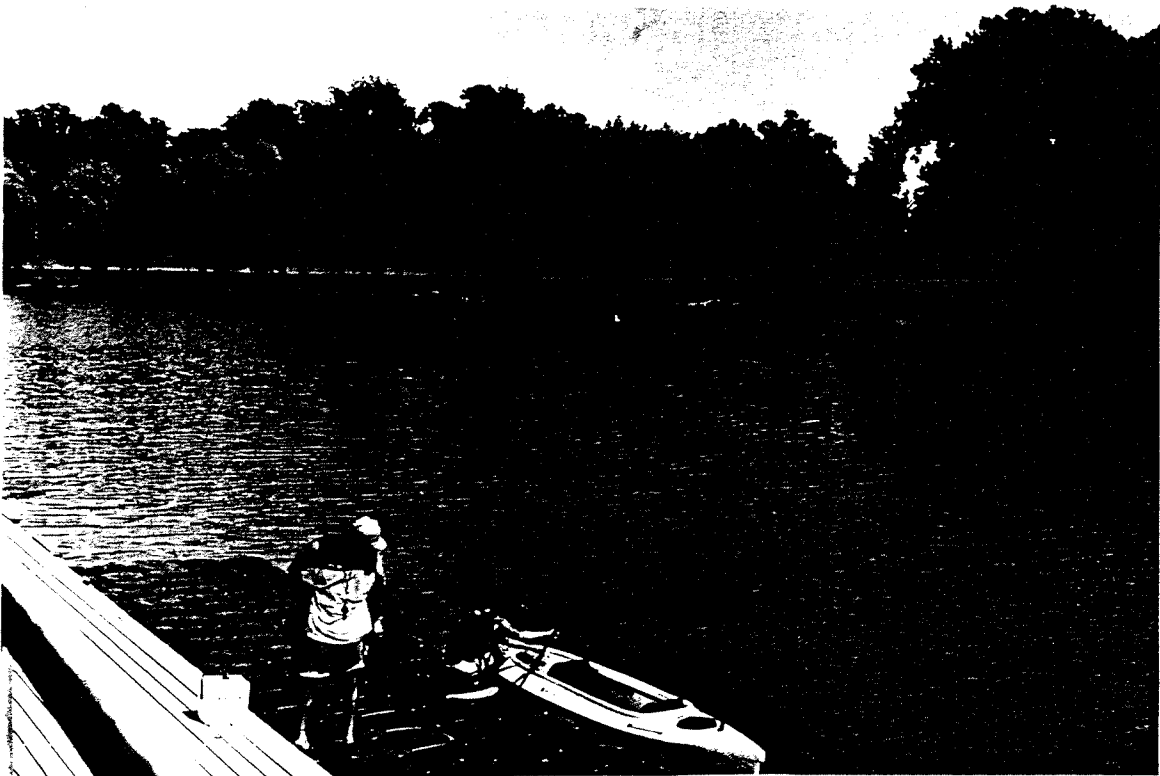
Genesee Waterways Center rental area, boardwalk, launching facilities (down ramp behind railing and kayak).



Genesee Waterways Center path.



Genesee Waterways Center rental kayaks..



Genesee Waterways Center public dock

NEPA Environmental Justice Standards

"The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal and commercial operations ..." NEPA EJ

According to NEPA EJ regulations, in order for a population to be considered predominantly minority it must meet the threshold of 50%. In as much as the U.S. Census data show that the 19th Ward of the City of Rochester (USPS Zip Codes 14611 and 14619), site of Genesee Valley Park West, is 69.94% minority, this area is thus considered protected by NEPA Environmental Justice. Furthermore, 13.39 % of the 19th Ward's population live below the Poverty Line established by the Federal government and the Median Family Income is \$34,449 per year.

On the other hand, U.S. Census data show that the area of Rochester known as Charlotte (USPS Zip Code 14612) site of the "replacement parcel" has a minority population of 11.57%. The Median Family Income is \$44,719. The percentage of the population falling below the Federal poverty level is 8.53%.

In Charlotte, all of the homes on River Heights and River Heights Circle are comparable in situation to the houses on Genesee St. in that they border park land. However, the homes on River Heights and River Heights Circle are, on average, worth \$120,000, over twice the value of the impacted houses on Genesee St. (on average \$54,533).

I wrote to Rochester's Mayor, Bill Johnson, expressing my concerns and dissatisfactions with the Brooks Landing Sub Area I proposal. Not only did he not address constructively any of my points of dissatisfaction, his reply was discourteous, demeaning and made me feel like I had been officially told to shut up and stay out of it. With that letter to Mayor Johnson I enclosed photocopies of 85 petitions signed by 85 people (I now have 95) equally as opposed to Sub Area I as I (the originals having been sent to the NPS NE Region Office in Philadelphia). Mayor Johnson not only totally discounted all of my input, but proceeded to denigrate my integrity and the integrity and intelligence of the 85 petitioners, many of whom are residents of the 19th Ward in general and live on Genesee Street in particular.

I have also written three letters to Kevin Burns (Chief, Grants Bureau, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and an integral member of the Brooks Landing team). I wrote to him about my concerns and dissatisfactions regarding Sub Area I. He has never shown me the respect I deserve by replying to any of my letters, and, therefore, I feel excluded from this process by Mr. Burns as well.

The behavior of both Mayor Johnson and Mr. Burns is precisely indicative of the behavior exhibited by the leaders/presenters during the community review

sessions. Participants who criticized any aspect in particular or expressed any opposition to the proposal in general were summarily discouraged from further participation in the process.

As the 19th Ward Community Association is not a governmental agency, rather a dues paying membership organization, the Association is not required to represent the 19th Ward - only Association members. Whereas the 19th Ward is 70% minority, the 19th Ward Community Association is not, and, therefore, cannot speak for the whole of the 19th Ward, though they do presume to do so.

The Aesthetic Resources section admits that the Brooks Landing Sub Area I buildings "will be visible to varying degrees from the rear yards of approximately 10 adjacent residences on the west that front Genesee Street, and will impact their views of the river." This is not just an aesthetic impact, but equally a social and economic injustice. As I stated in my letter to Mayor Johnson, if these homes on Genesee Street were the \$300,000 homes of professionals no one would dream of destroying their view of the Genesee River, much less propose it. Nor would anyone attempt to destroy the section of Genesee Valley Park West adjacent to their property nor their free access to that area and the park. However, since these are the \$54,533 (on average) homes of 'working class,' 19th Ward residents, the unthinkable becomes thinkable. Mayor Johnson's accusation that I am trying to start class warfare is a blatant admission that he considers these residents 'lower class.'

Mayor Johnson also took exception to my inclusion of petitions signed by former residents of Rochester. If Mayor Johnson believes that the only people who are allowed a say in the disposition of 19th Ward park land are 19th Ward residents, then how is it that Mayor Johnson and Commissioner Ku are entitled to a say - neither of whom live in the 19th Ward, nor even on the west side of the city, actually both of them live on the other side of the Genesee River - the east side of Rochester.

Furthermore, the City of Rochester and the developers are requiring that these Genesee St. residents bear the brunt of 'purely speculative economic development' which will lower considerably the monetary value of their homes. Once the park and river view are replaced by; parking lots, barricading wall, 60 ft. high Extended Stay Residence and restaurant, these homes will either be sold to individuals who are willing to own a home with such devaluing conditions precisely because that is the only way they can afford to buy a house (at a much reduced price) or by investors who will take advantage of the reduced values/costs and use it as income/rental property. As a 20 year resident of the 19th Ward I can say categorically that the WORST possible fate for any house in the 19th Ward is to fall into the rental domain. Typically, rentees of 19th Ward property take very poor care of their properties. Likewise, the vast majority of renters do not feel obliged to maintain these properties either, and so rental units not only fail to add value they actually diminish the value of the surrounding non-rental properties, the neighborhood, and the 19th Ward. Every time a 19th Ward home falls into rental use the 'character' and charm of the 19th Ward is diminished along with its overall socioeconomic value. Meanwhile, with the securing of Turning Point's park land status, the homes in Charlotte will have value added to THEIR properties and neighborhoods.

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"The Brooks Landing Revitalization Project is another such project, which aims to revitalize the Brooks/Genesee neighborhood." (EA) If the true intention as

stated in the EA is to revitalize the Brooks Ave. and Genesee St. neighborhood, how can this possibly be achieved by devaluing the property values of the homes on Genesee St. and therefore, the neighborhood, or by destroying the character and charm of this residential neighborhood by the addition of over 12,000 vehicles per day on Genesee St. One of the key objectives of this "Revitalization Project" regarding the University of Rochester is to "... strengthen the economic vitality of the neighborhood." If the University of Rochester truly desires to invest in the economic vitality of the 19th Ward they could do so by buying some of the 119 'Vacant Units' (U.S. Census) and hiring locally based and owned small businesses to renovate, refurbish, landscape, and furnish these now vacant dwellings and then the U of R could maintain a business relationship with locally owned maintenance and housecleaning businesses who would be paid to take care of these properties. The value of the improved property would be greatly increased and that would then increase the values of the surrounding homes and the neighborhood. These renovated houses could then be used by visiting professors who could get to live within the 19th Ward, walk to work (stopping by the coffee shop for breakfast) and thus the U of R could invest in the 19th Ward and together they could reap the rewards.

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The Genesee River is a natural barrier and thus a deterrent to Rochester east-west travel. This is somewhat mitigated by two city bridges south of the inner city, the Ford Street Bridge in the Corn Hill section, and the Elmwood Ave. bridge in the 19th Ward. To cut off access to Elmwood Ave. bridge (by closure of So. Plymouth Ave.) is to cut off access to the east side of Rochester. There are people in the 19th Ward (both black and white) who suspect that the intention behind this closure is to further isolate the predominantly minority 19th Ward populace from the rest of Rochester and the U of R, on the east side of the Genesee River (traditionally considered the affluent, whiter side of the city). It is believed that people will become so frustrated by traffic congestion on Genesee St. and Elmwood Ave. that they will give up attempting to cross the Elmwood Ave. bridge, and if that happens, then the 19th Ward will indeed become more isolated and insular. Once truncated, the remnant of So. Plymouth Ave. will serve primarily as an exclusive driveway for the Extended Stay residents and restaurant patrons, easing their travels to and from the Elmwood Ave. bridge. Conversely, keeping So. Plymouth Ave. completely open (as it now is) is an excellent way to maintain the free flow of traffic between both sides of the city, thus promoting the free interaction and integration of the residents of the 19th Ward with their nearest neighbor across the river, the U of R, as well as the east side of Rochester.

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Demographic Comparison Charts

Source: 2000 United States Census, FFIEC

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Track POPULATION Data

19th Ward

site of Genesee Valley Park
USPS Zip Codes 14611 and 14619

White	929
Black	1918
American Indian	8
Asian/Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	48
Hispanic	89
Other/Two or more Races	98

Total Population	3090
Minority Population	2161
% Minority	69.94 %

Charlotte

site of Turning Point Park
USPS Zip Code 14612

White	4332
Black	266
American Indian	17
Asian/Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	39
Hispanic	186
Other/Two or more Races	59

Total Population	4899
Minority Population	567
% Minority	11.57 %

Track INCOME Data

19th Ward

site of Genesee Valley Park
USPS Zip Codes 14611 and 14619

2000 Median Family Income	\$34,449
2000 Median Household Income	\$32,790
Median Family Income %	63.97%
% below Poverty Line	13.39 %

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site of Turning Point Park
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2000 Median Family Income	\$44,719
2000 Median Household Income	\$37,907
Median Family Income %	83.04%
% below Poverty Line	8.53 %

See attached documentation (FFIEC)

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Property Comparison Charts

Source: City Of Rochester Bureau of Assessment

ASSESSED VALUES, AVERAGE for SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

19th Ward

site of Genesee Valley Park
USPS Zip Codes 14611 and 1461

Genesee Street properties abutting
Genesee Valley Park

\$ 54,533

Charlotte

site of Turning Point Park
USPS Zip Code 14612

River Heights Circle &
River Heights properties abutting
proposed addition to Turning Pt. Park

\$ 120,000

ASSESSED VALUE, AVERAGE for TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE

19th Ward

site of Genesee Valley Park
USPS Zip Codes 14611 and 1461

Genesee Street properties abutting
Genesee Valley Park

\$ 61,601

Charlotte

site of Turning Point Park
USPS Zip Code 14612

River Heights Circle &
River Heights
properties abutting proposed
addition to Turning Pt. Park

no two family properties

See attached documentation



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State Abbreviation	NY	County Code	055
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Tract Income Level	Moderate	Tract Population	3090
Tract Median Family Income %	63.97	Tract Minority %	69.94
2005 HUD Estimated MSA/MD/non-MSA/MD Median Family Income	\$62,600	Minority Population	2161
2005 Est. Tract Median Family Income	\$40,045	Owner-Occupied Units	665
2000 Tract Median Family Income	\$34,449	1- to 4-Family Units	1166

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Census Housing Information

Total Housing Unit:	1363	Owner-Occupied Unit:	665
1- to 4- Family Units	1166	Renter Occupied Units	579
Median Age of Housing Stock (inyears)	61	Vacant Units	119
Inside Principal City?	Yes	Owner Occupied 1- to 4- Family Units	665

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Census Population Information

Tract Population	3090	Tract Minority Population	2161
Tract Minority %	69.94	American Indian Population	8
Number of Families	703	Asian/Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Population	48
Number of Households	1243	Black Population	1918
White Population	929	Hispanic Population	89
		Other/Two or More Races Population	98

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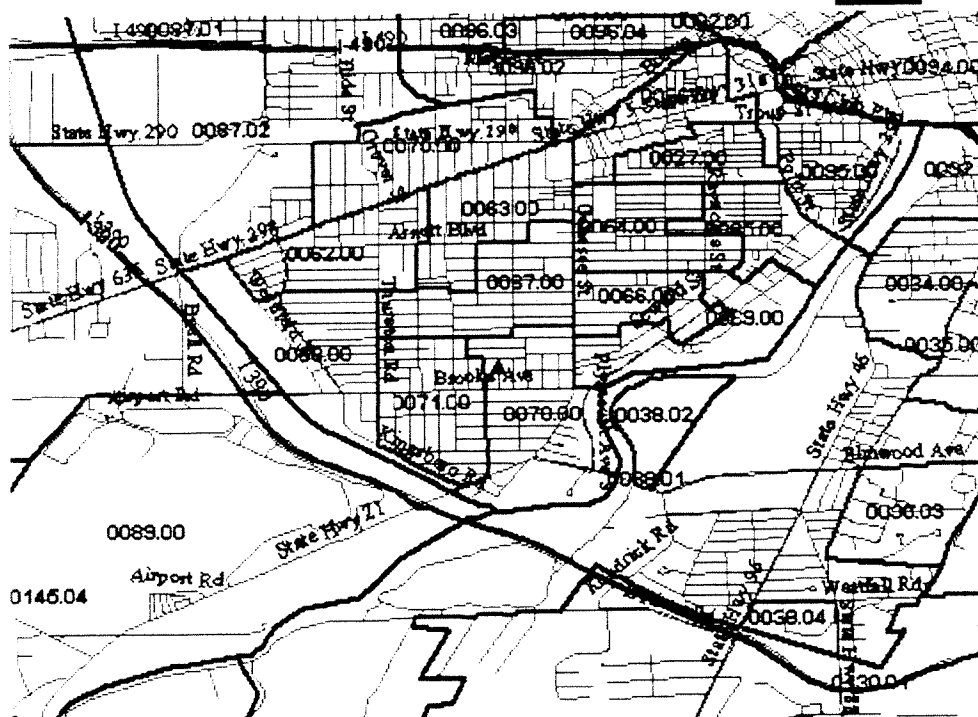
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Tract Income Level	Middle	Tract Population	4899
Tract Median Family Income %	83.04	Tract Minority %	11.57
2005 HUD Estimated MSA/MD/non-MSAMD Median Family Income	\$62,600	Minority Population	567
2005 Est. Tract Median Family Income	\$51,983	Owner-Occupied Units	1407
2000 Tract Median Family Income	\$44,719	1- to 4-FamilyUnits	1967

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2005 HUD Estimated MSA/MD/non-MSA/MD Median Family Income	\$62,600	2005 Estimated Tract Median Family Income	\$51,983
% below Poverty Line	8.53	2000 Tract Median Household Income	\$37,907

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Total Housing Units	2268	Owner-Occupied Unit	1407
1- to 4- Family Units	1967	Renter Occupied Units	774
Median Age of Housing Stock (inyears)	51	Vacant Units	87
Inside Principal City?	Yes	Owner Occupied 1- to 4- Family Units	1399

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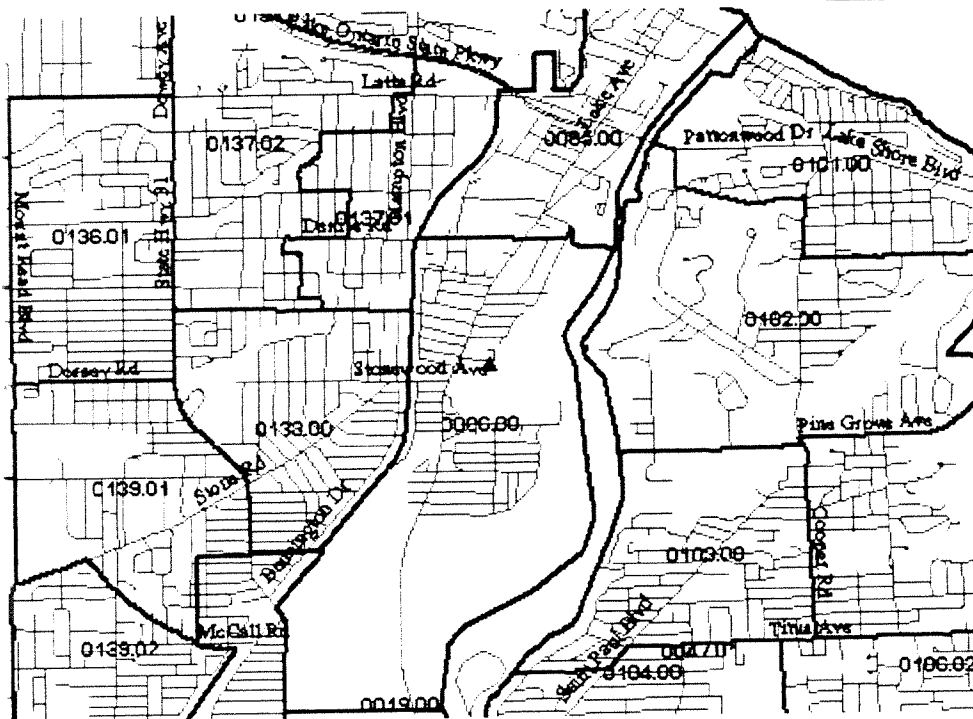
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BROOKS LANDING REVITALIZATION PROJECT
Attachment to Structural Archeological Assessment Form (SAAF)
Form items 6,7 &8

Item 7:

Visually or physically impacted buildings/structures 50 years old or older:

Building:	Location:	Type:	Year built:	Impact:
6 Agnew Ct.	Within project area	House (2.5 story)	1890	Demolition
4 Agnew Ct.	Within project area	House (2.5 story)	1890	Demolition
920 Genesee St.	Within project area	House (2.5 story)	1890	Demolition
926 Genesee St.	Within project area	Commercial (1 story)	1940	Demolition
930 Genesee St.	Within project area	Commercial (1 story)	1910	Demolition
948 Genesee St.	Within project area	Commercial (1 story)	1930	Demolition
951 Genesee St.	Within project area	Mixed-use (2 story)	1930	Demolition
953 Genesee St.	Within project area	Mixed-use (2 story)	1930	Renovation
954 Genesee St.	Within project area	Mixed-use (2 story)	1920	Demolition
998 Genesee St.	Within project area	Commercial (1 story)	1940	Demolition
1010 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (2 story)	1889	Visual*
1016 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (2.5 story)	1880	Visual*
1020 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (2.5 story)	1930	Visual*
1026 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (2.5 story)	1920	Visual*
1030 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (2.5 story)	1920	Visual*
1036 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	Apartments (2 story)	1925	Visual*
1040 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (2.5 story)	1918	Visual*
1046 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (2 story)	1880	Visual*
1056 Genesee St.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (1 story)	1950	Visual*
26 Grandview Ter.	Adjacent to project area (west)	House (2.5 story)	1922	Visual*

* = the view from this building to the Genesee River will include the hotel and restaurant.

Item 8:

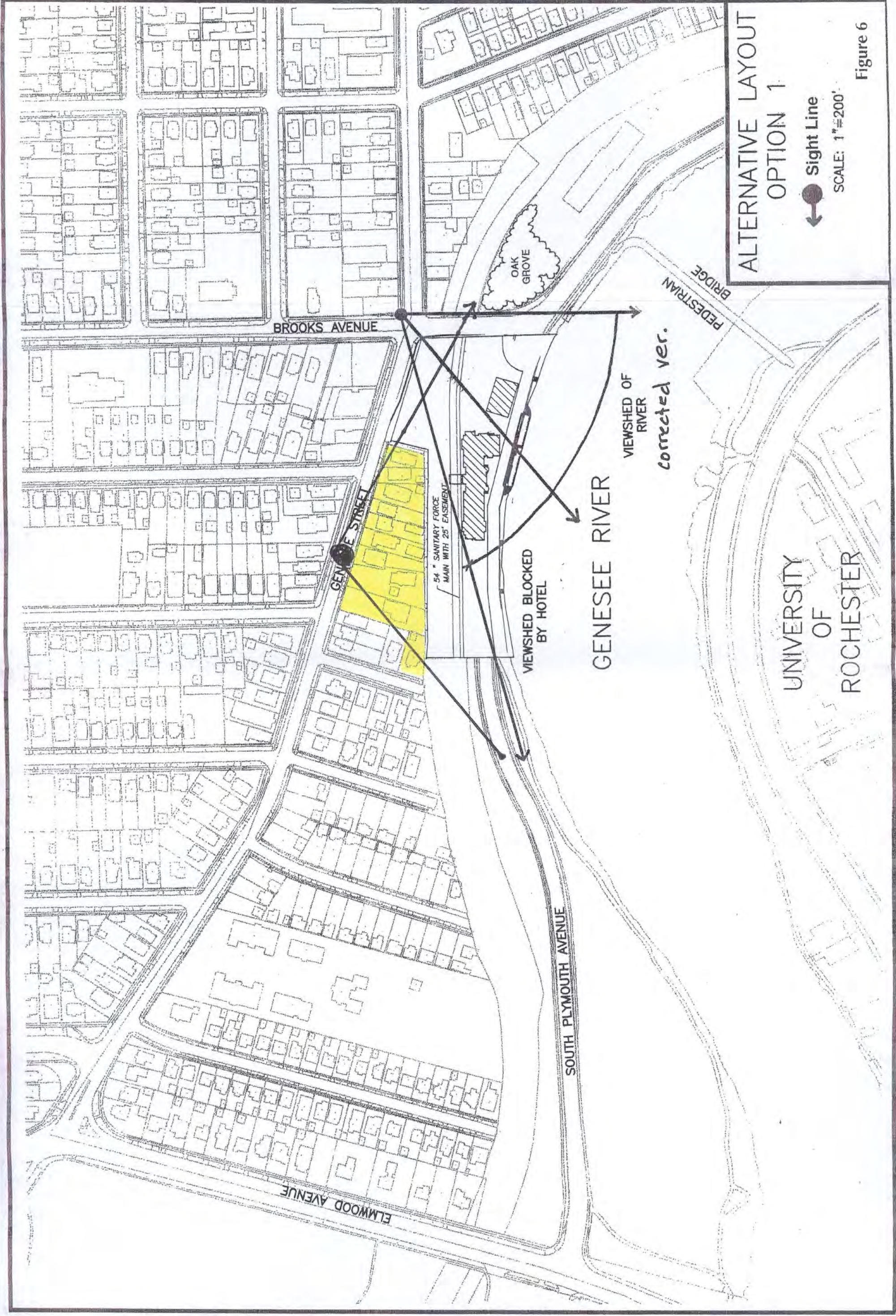
Photographs of visually or physically impacted buildings/structures 50 years old or older:

See attached photographs and project area map.

Item 9:

Disturbed land mapping with depth of disturbance:

See attached map and profile.



ALTERNATIVE LAYOUT

OPTION 1



SCALE: 1"=200'

Figure 6



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William A. Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

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December 7, 2004

Ayanna G. Hoffman
25 Evangeline Street
Rochester, NY 14619

Dear Ms. Hoffman,

I received and read your letter of November 26, 2004, concerning the Brooks Landing Project. I have also reviewed the petitions that you have directed to the attention of the United States Department of the Interior in an attempt to derail the Project.

I reject your entreaty that I refuse to sign the pending Memorandum of Agreement that will permit the project to go forward. At the very earliest opportunity presented to me, I will add my signature to it. Should the circumstances warrant it, I will implore the other potential signatories to do the same.

I reject as well your assessment of the value of this project to the community and your shameful attempt to portray the issue in terms of a "class struggle." I take particular exception to the grossly overreaching assertions in both your letter and the petitions that this project comes only at the "destruction" of the historic Frederick Law Olmsted-designed Genesee Valley Park. Surely someone evidently as knowledgeable about the Project, its traffic flows, the role of the Department of the Interior, etc. would know that the portion of parkland to be alienated is but the northmost sliver of the total Genesee Valley Park and consists of land that was added to the Park after the initial Olmsted design.

Were these pertinent facts shared with those whom you persuaded to sign your form letter? Were they advised that a parcel of City land along the Genesee River larger in size than the parcel to be alienated, a parcel that is presently not park land, will be dedicated for park land as a trade-off for the GVP land? Are the twenty non-Rochesterians from as far away as Stamford, Connecticut, who signed these letters sufficiently familiar with the actual terrain that is to be converted and its history?

"Loss of parkland" is a hot-button, emotional issue under any circumstance, one to which many will readily rally. The form letter that I surmise you composed offers a limited, disingenuous portrayal of the Brooks Landing Project. Those informed about the Project only by this presentation could easily be persuaded to register their opposition.

Those willing to receive all of the facts surrounding this Project have attended and participated in myriad public meetings, hearings, workshops, design sessions, and committee and full meetings of the City Council over the last four years. As Project planning progressed, those who sought a full understanding of the Project come to realize that this conversion does not fit into the stereotypical model and does not warrant the knee-jerk opposition that you have sought to elicit. Among this



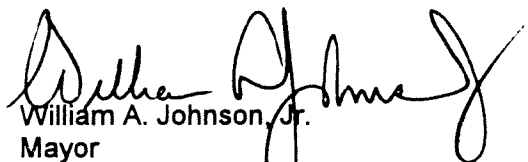
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group are the 19th Ward community, the Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (NBN) Sector Four, the 19th Ward Community Association, the NBN Sector Four Planning Committee, the current and past elected members of the City Council representing the South District (and the balance of the Council from the other three districts and its at-large members), the New York State Assembly member and Senator in whose districts the project will exist, the Genesee Street Business Association, and the Landmark Society.

I respect your right to disagree with and to protest decisions that have been made over a very lengthy period of time in a completely open, participatory, and transparent community-based process. Reasonable people disagree over many matters. However, reasonable people ground their disagreements in data, facts, and rational discourse and do not mislead others when enlisting them to achieve their ends.

I conclude that Ms. Sokolowski of the Department of the Interior has, through your activities, been presented with a very distorted view of the community's true support for the Brooks Landing Project. While I regret that it has become necessary, I am pleased to know that a counter-petition effort has been mobilized by community residents to blunt your efforts. I will personally spare no effort to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely yours,


William A. Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

c: Jean Sokolowski, U.S. D.O.I.
Karen Tipple, President, 19th Ward Community Association
John Lightfoot, Sector Four Common Council, NBN
Dana Miller, President, Sector Four CDC
Lois Giess, City Council President
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Henry McCartney, Executive Director, Landmark Society of Western New York

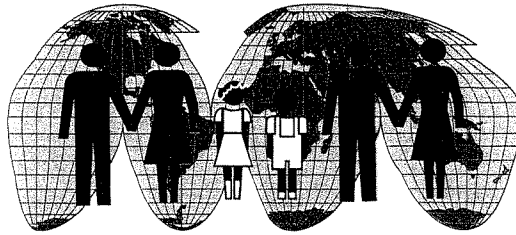


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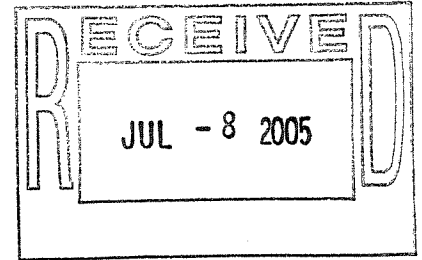
There are many reasons for not permitting the alienation/conversion of the National Park Service Section 6 (f) protected park land in Genesee Valley Park West in the 19th Ward of the City of Rochester. Firstly, far too many negative and unmitigatable environmental impacts will be created by the existence of Brooks Landing Sub Area I structures and parking lot. Secondly, the brunt of these negative environmental impacts will be entirely borne by the minority, low income residents of the 19th Ward. Thirdly, public park land will be taken away from this populace while park land will be given to an area whose populace is not predominantly minority and whose socioeconomic situation is better than that of the 19th Ward's populace. Fourthly, the "replacement parcel" does not conform to NEPA requirements and is in no way a legitimate replacement for the 6 (f) land in Genesee Valley Park West. And, finally, the exclusionary treatment of 19th Ward residents by those in authority, and those presuming authority, during the development process of Brooks Landing Sub Area I goes exactly counter to NEPA Environmental Justice standards. The citizens of the 19th Ward and the residents on Genesee Street are entitled to environmental and socioeconomic protection through NEPA EJ.

Any of these reasons would be deemed, in a court of law, cause enough to prohibit the alienation/conversion of any National Park Service Section 6 (f) land in Genesee Valley Park West; considered together, there is no way any reasonable person would ask for this conversion.

Sector 4



Community Development Corporation



July 7, 2005

Commissioner Fashun Ku
Office of Economic Development
City of Rochester
Rochester, New York 14604

Dear Commissioner Ku:

Sector 4 Community Development Corporation has reviewed the documents for Brooks Landing and we would like to assert our strong and unqualified support for the project.

Sector 4 Community Development Corporation's mission is economic revitalization in Southwest Rochester. We are also the economic development committee of the Sector 4 Common Council, a consortium of stakeholders in Southwest Rochester that includes all four neighborhood associations that together represent all 37,000 residents of this part of the City. The Brooks Landing project as well as the stakeholders and residents affected by the project all are within the boundaries of Sector 4. The parkland under discussion is in Sector 4 as well as the roadways.

One of our charges from the Common Council is community oversight of the Brooks Landing project in its 3 phases. This means that we are entrusted by community residents to make sure that the project is good for the community, contributes to the well being, rather than exploits, all populations and that the City of Rochester has communicated the various issues and complexities of the project to our resident population.

We believe that the planning for this project and the communication to stakeholders is a model for municipal government-stakeholder relations. The City has participated in community driven meetings to its fullest extent and has held its own exhaustive schedule of meetings for various elements of the project that fall within municipal rather than community expertise.

Our findings from meetings and the opinions of hundreds of our stakeholders over the last five years are as follows:

- 1) The parkland conversion will enhance access and use of the park by the community. Most of the parkland under discussion is now a four lane highway which prohibits any quiet enjoyment of the park or the waterfront. The new development plans restores the area to recreational use and reduces vehicular traffic.
- 2) The traffic patterns and adjustments made to address resident concerns have not provided any hardships. The City's projections of minimal traffic disruption have proven to be true. There are no perceived delays other than those predicted by temporary roadway construction delays. We have received no specific complaints of traffic disruption at all. The City has held more than an adequate number of meetings with residents most likely to be concerned about changing traffic patterns and then has implemented changes to mitigate resident concerns.

- 3) From the beginning of planning in 1998, the Brooks Landing project has been entirely community driven. The 19th Ward Community Association representing 17,000 Southwest residents, financed the first charette. This group also located and identified the hotel developer currently associated with the project. The Common Council of Sector 4 stakeholders has been regularly updated on the project's issues and progress. There is some community conversation about Brooks Landing as a University of Rochester encroachment, but we find this idea to be ill-informed. The University of Rochester has participated in meetings as a stakeholder, but has been one voice among hundreds and has exerted no paternalistic authority over the project. This is truly a grass roots project. At a 19th Ward Community Association convention in November, 2004, approval among residents attending was approximately 125 for and 1 against. This is indeed a community-based project. 7
- 4) The project enjoys substantial support from all populations in Sector 4. The Sector is 72 % African-American. Although information about minority support is anecdotal rather than statistical, we estimate support for the project among the entire population to be 40 in favor to each one in opposition. The main points of support are desperately needed economic development, increased numbers of jobs in areas where unemployment among certain groups can exceed 25 %, improved public safety through amenities such as street lighting, improved access to parkland and the river and a heightened neighborhood pride in an identifiable signature project
- 5) The Brooks Landing project is in a mixed income area. We find that the general belief is that the project will benefit all income levels. Enhanced job opportunities and the potential for additional economic development along existing adjacent commercial corridors appeal to low income populations while higher income residents tendency toward flight from the area would be diminished by neighborhood pride and access to the riverfront amenities. 6

In closing, we would like to state that this project has been a model of citizen planning. It has been community driven and facilitated by the expertise of the City of Rochester. The first discussions of the development took place over 20 years ago. Community planning has been actively and broadly engaged for six years. We sincerely hope that the project receives a speedy approval. It should be used as a model of community planning and city/neighborhood co-operation. 7

Thank you.

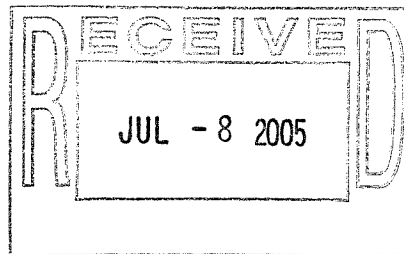


John Borek
Executive Director
Sector 4 Community Development Corporation

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July 8, 2005

Fashun Ku
Commissioner of Economic Development
City Hall Room 005-A
30 Church Street
Rochester NY 14614



Dear Commissioner Ku:

For over 20 years I have enjoyed living, volunteering, and supporting the 19th Ward Community. It is a unique diverse place to live. I am writing to support the continued revitalization of the Community and in particular the Brooks Landing project. This project is extremely important for a variety of ways:

Economically - new jobs will arise, new businesses will grow

Environmentally - with improvements to the area local people will share in the pride and improvements of their living area

Physical improvements - will bring more people to the area and will alert those who are not willing to keep up their property or cause problems that they need to improve their property and customs or leave the area

Socially - there will be more for people to do, more social interaction which will discourage unwanted criminals in the area

University activities - the food service at the University leaves a great deal to be desired. What is there is expensive and poor quality. Faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduates need alternative eating establishments. Also, a coffee shop, gift stores, vegetarian restaurants, speciality stores would really enhance the area. None of these things are available for the University personal. (Note: I have worked at the University for 24 years on and off and can attest to this.)

Housing - Housing is extremely tight at the University for the many students we have. Our graduate students, visitors, postdoctoral students, interns, and University guests often have difficulty finding housing on campus. Therefore, easy access to a hotel and to a street of shops for guests will be an asset to the University community as well as to local patrons.

Businesses - As an employee of the University, we often have difficulty finding a place to have a conference and is not too large or not too small. To be able to use the conference rooms of a hotel that is within walking distance would be wonderful. Such easy access and everything at your finger tips. The walk from the University is not far and is very beautiful crossing the campus and taking the foot bridge.

In conclusion, we already have some wonderful things in place where the businesses are cleaning up their grounds, fixing their buildings and making things more esthetically pleasing. Flower pots have been placed in the area and shop owners and the 19th Community have taken the time to plant them and take care of them. The foot bridge is already in place and brings the University of Rochester and the 19th Ward Community together.

Continuing the Brooks Landing Project can only improve the many opportunities to help the 19th Ward Community to grow and the University personnel to have alternatives to use. Improvements discourage crime and encourage people to take pride in where they live. All the work that has been done around Corn Hill proves how much improvements can turn around an area. I strongly support the continuation of the Brooks Landing Project.

Sincerely,
Rosemary E. Dow
19th Ward Community Member
Community Volunteer Response Team Member
American Red Cross Disaster Action Team Leader
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Former Leader Neighbors of 19th South



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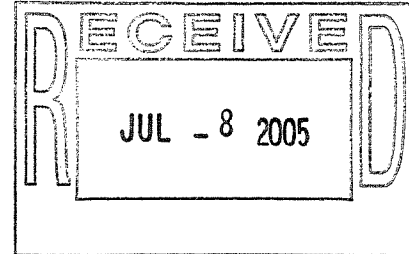
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Adam C. McFadden
Councilmember
South District

74 Marlborough Road
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July 7, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:



I am a 34 year-old African American. I have lived in Southwest Rochester all my life. I have chosen to raise my three children here.

In November of 2003, I defeated the incumbent of my party for the position of City Councilman South District. I represent the 37,000 citizens in the four neighborhoods of Southwest Rochester. Part of area of my district is the Brooks Landing project.

I ran on a platform that called for the completion of Brooks Landing. I won 84% of the vote.


To understand why the people of Southwest Rochester want this project so desperately, you have only to look at the last week. We have had one murder and three shootings in our neighborhoods. Our community is in a free fall. If we do not have some means of economic development, if we do not have some means of presenting our neighborhoods in a positive light to the outside world, if we do not have some means of bringing pride into our communities, we are lost. Brooks Landing has, for twenty years, been looked toward as giving us the means to stop us from falling.

We can talk about park land (even though historically the area has housed hotels), traffic, or the proper dissemination of information all we want. And apparently for the last several years, various entities withholding final approval have chosen to talk only about these issues. But the truth is, if Brooks Landing, a project that is the hope of tens of thousands of local residents, is delayed or denied, our community will have lost its hope.

That burden and that outrage will most certainly not go unexpressed. We will continue to fight for this project on the state and federal levels and make our presence known in the offices of those denying us the ability to raise our children in a community we want and that we have repeatedly asked for.

The Brooks Landing project is the most hoped for local development project of my lifetime

With great hope,

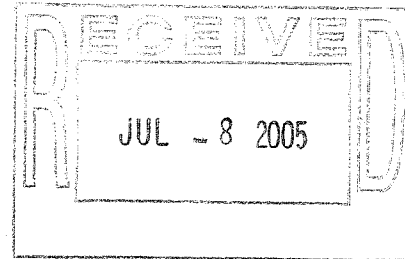

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IN SUPPORT OF THE BROOKS LANDING REVITALIZATION PROJECT

June 23, 2005



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As a stakeholder in the fate of the community, I have long looked forward to the realization of the Project - the key element in the restoration of the vitality, economic health and overall desirability of one of Rochester's oldest neighborhoods. I believe the Project will provide a welcome to the West Side that all of Rochester will want to be a part of.

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Sincerely,

Signature

Print Name

Mr Terry Stith-Grannum

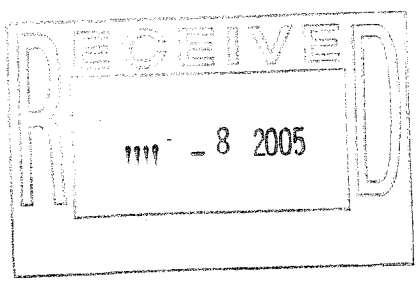
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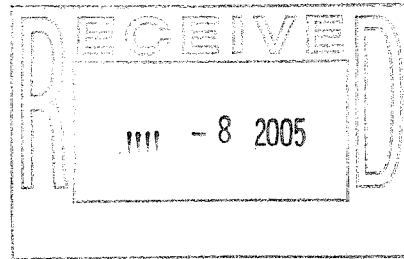
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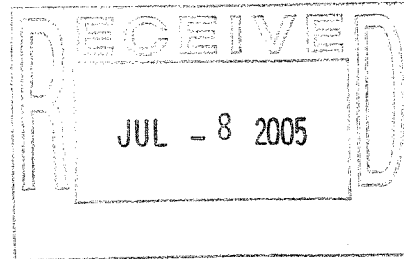
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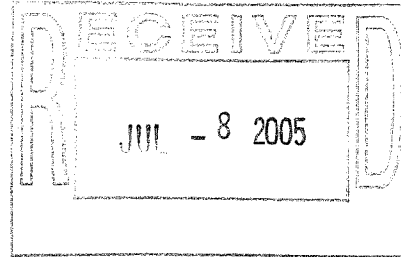
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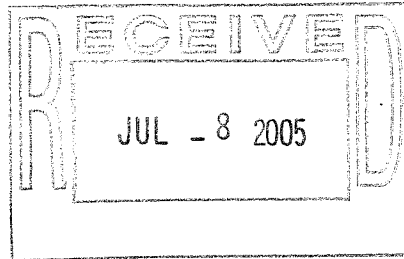
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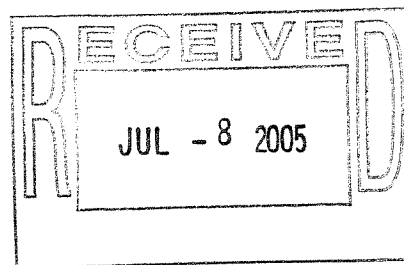
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128 Devon Road

Rochester, NY 14619

From the desk of Germaine Knapp



July 8, 2005

Commissioner Fashun Ku
Department of Economic Development
City of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14604

Dear Commissioner Ku,

At last the vision of developing Brooks Landing seems close at hand. This project, so well presented for so long to the community, would raise the status of Sector 4 to that of a vital, growing neighborhood. Without the long awaited development, the economy, the safety, and the long-term stability of this neighborhood would be jeopardized.

I am the Executive Director of Sojourner House, located in the 19th Ward, which provides housing and social services for women and children in crisis. The proposed development would increase our residents' sense of safety, dignity, and of having a community that truly cares about them.

I have heard concerns about traffic and parkland destruction. Most of us would welcome more traffic in the neighborhood from those coming to visit and buy what businesses here have to offer. And, I am certain that more of us would enjoy the park and use it more often with the proposed development making it a more inviting, safer place to be.

In short, moving the Brooks Landing project along, is moving the neighborhood along.

Please help make it happen!

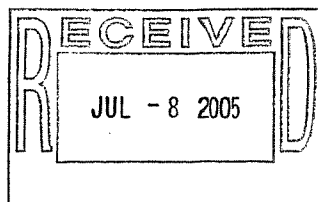
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Germaine G. Knapp
President, Sojourner House

167 Georgian St. Rd
Rochester, NY 14610
June 30, 2005

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Jashun Kay, Commissioner
Dept. of Econ. Development
City Hall
30 Church St.
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I have seen several "form letters" recently, which support the Brooks Landing Revitalization Project. Although I am not a resident of Genesee/Brooks area, I think it is imperative that we revitalize and rehabilitate this area, which has been in decline for so long.

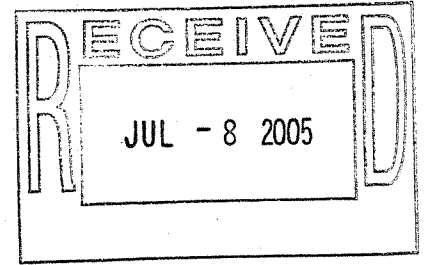
Just recently there was an article in the Democrat & Chronicle regarding the Erie Canal, and that Pittsford and Tonawanda have incorporated the Canal into their growth plans.

This type of river - centered growth must be encouraged in the city, and what better place to start than the Brooks Landing project?

Thank you.
Barbara Casella

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**The Sullivans
203 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14611**



June 7, 2005

Fashun Ku, Commissioner
Economic Development Department
City Hall Rm. 007 B
Rochester, NY 14616

Dear Commissioner Ku:

We are writing to express our unqualified support for the Brooks Landing project. We have lived in the 19th Ward for over thirty years and during much of that time have been involved with the efforts of the 19th Ward Community Association to revitalize and preserve this diverse and unique community. Many different issues have come to the fore over the years, from the Youth Project to the Preservation Program, from Focus on Rehab-19 to the Sector 4 CDC. Throughout all of them the goal of the neighborhood has been to improve the quality of life for the people of the area/

As you are well aware, we have viewed our links with the University of Rochester as particularly critical for our ongoing redevelopment. The construction of the pedestrian bridge in the 1990s was a symbol of the commitment that the City government and the neighborhood had, in partnership with the U of R, to add vitality to the Brooks-Genesee area of the neighborhood. Many plans and schemes for the area have come and gone during the past quarter century, but the overall vision has remained: to develop a thriving commercial node in the area that would provide a stronger linkage with the U of R and would serve as a catalyst for the revitalization of that area and the entire Genesee Street corridor.

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The current proposal, which involves the alienation of a small portion of parkland (the vast bulk of which is the paved surface of South Plymouth Avenue), is a strong and worthwhile plan. It has been endorsed by every organized neighborhood and community group that is affected by the project and has been delayed for an unconscionable period by the unreasonable and irrational efforts of a small group of ill-informed individuals, none of whom have been involved in neighborhood activities to rebuild our community. They are apparently reacting with a reflexive opposition to any alienation of parkland, despite the fact that the land in question is basically a four-lane highway. We must not let such efforts succeed in derailing the most important community development project to hit our neighborhood in at least thirty years.

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Please convey our total support for the project to the appropriate state and federal authorities and add our voices to the swelling chorus of support for the Brooks Landing Project.

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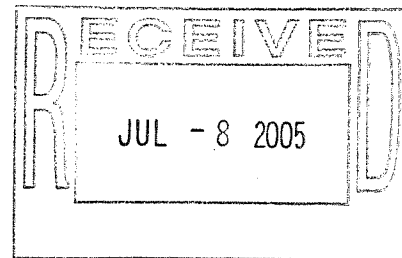
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Ronald J. Paprocki
*Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance
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July 1, 2005

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Commissioner of Economic Development
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Rochester, NY 14614

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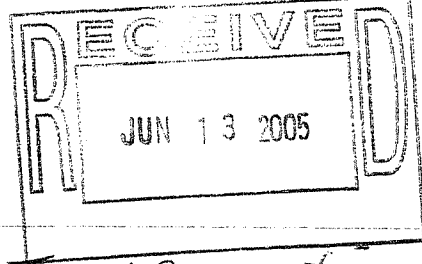
We at the University of Rochester have watched, with great and continuing interest, the development of plans for the Brooks Landing project. The project will be a significant change agent for the economic base of the 19th Ward. The University has been supportive of the project not only because of its benefits to the University but also because of its importance to the 19th Ward, Sector IV, and City of Rochester. We are glad to see it moving toward fruition.

Recognizing its value, the University has maintained a continuing commitment to being the anchor tenant of the retail/office building that will be a part of the Brooks Landing project. We also know that our faculty, staff, and students will help to create the market to sustain the hotel and retail businesses. But above all, our role has been to be supportive of a community-based project that will work to revitalize the 19th Ward, our neighbor across the Genesee River. We know that the project will greatly enhance that area of the City and we look forward to seeing it reach completion.

Our new President, Joel Seligman, has expressed his enthusiasm for the project, and looks forward to being briefed on its details. I will be in touch with your office to arrange for a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

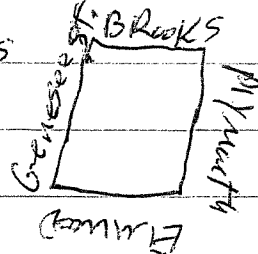
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I ONLY went to one meeting + That was at Genessee Park + I was under the impression that a Development Co. was going to Buy all of These homes



So were other Home (owner's /

If They wish we are Ready to Sell Build some Condominium.

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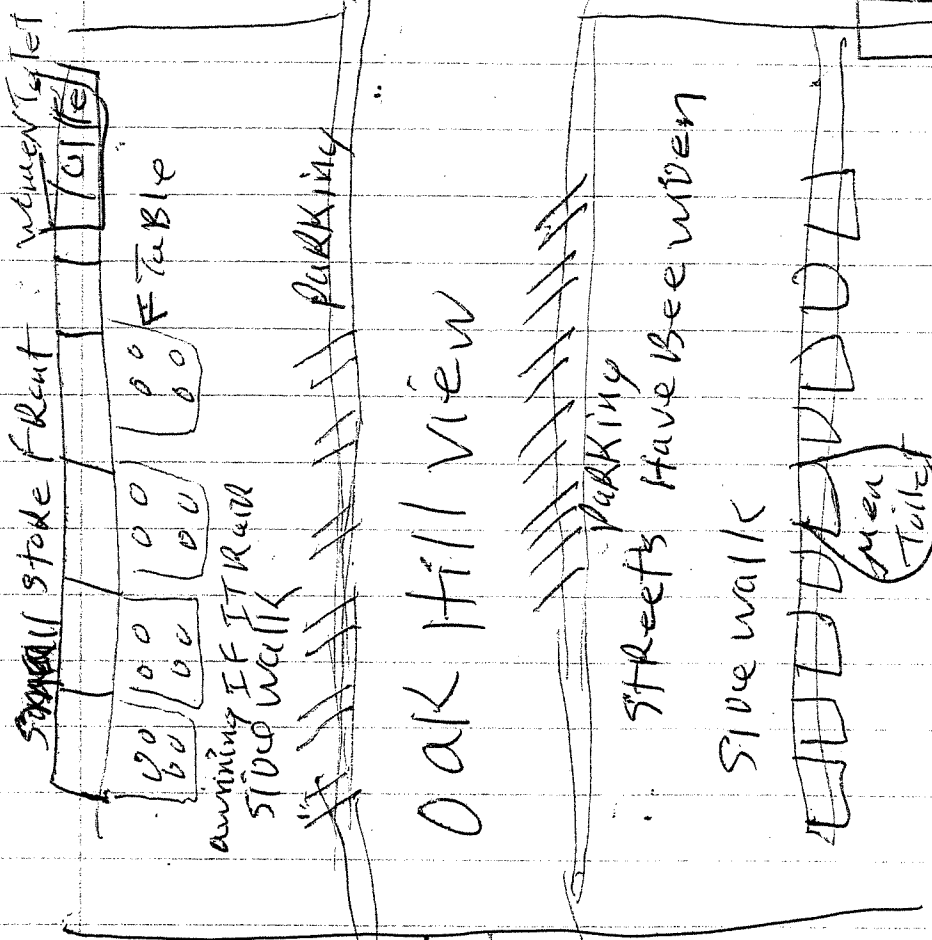
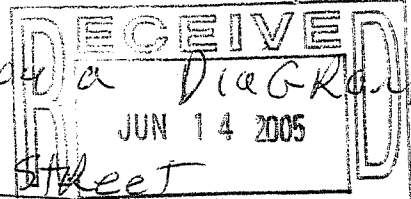


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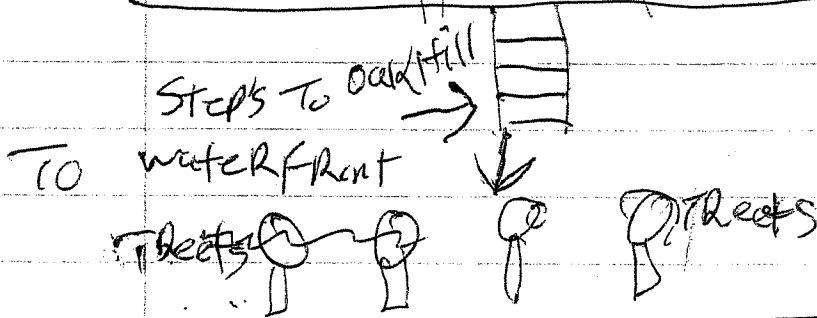
Mr. Nathaniel Clark
328 6163

I FOR Got To Send you a Diagram 19 2022

Genessee Street



We Have Restaurants of the united
Nation wines of NY State only
one ounce caps to sample + sell.
arts painting Jewelry etc etc



Plymouth ave south
Dock Park your Boat + Enjoy
Genessee River

(Remember you can
also do this for
the Subway)

Thank you 3286163
MRS Rosa CLARK + MR Nathaniel CLARK

In Support of the Brooks Landing Revitalization Project

June 28, 2005

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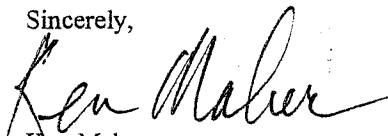
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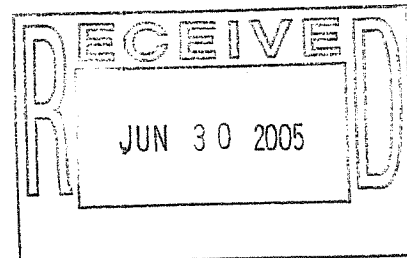
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Sincerely,


Ken Maher
383 Wellington Avenue
Rochester, New York 14619
ken_maher@urmc.rochester.edu



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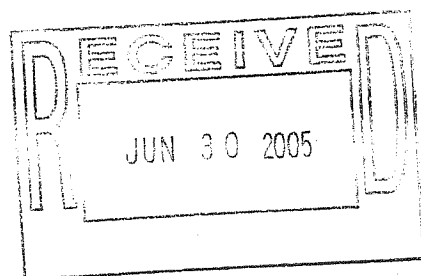
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Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Schwind
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36 Evangeline St.
Rochester, NY 14619-2034

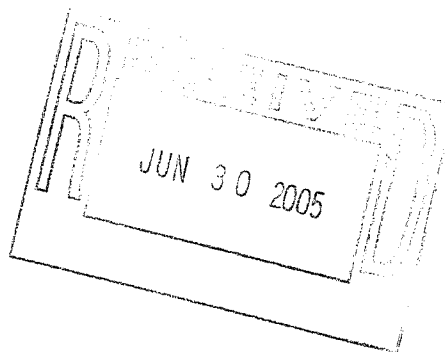


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City Hall Room 005-A
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Sincerely,

Nancy Smyth

Executive Director

Rochester Presbyterian Home

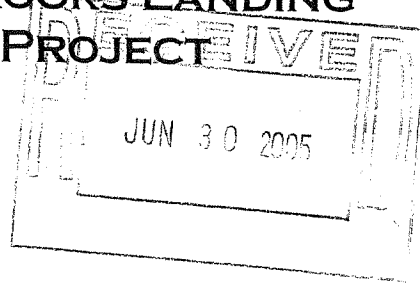
Name _____ Nancy Smyth

Address _____ 226 Thurston Road Rochester NY 14619

e-mail _____ Nancysmyth@rph.org

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Sincerely,

Signature M. McDonald

Print Name Maurice McDonald

Print Address 43 Elmwood Ave.

Roch. 14669

I really support this project. I live just off of Genesee and the prospect of the street improving is what is keeping me from leaving the neighborhood right now!

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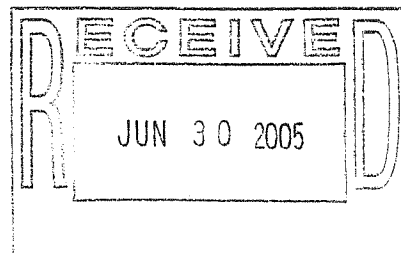
Joseph H. Bivins

Print Name

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Print Address

229 Trafalgar Street
Rochester N.Y. 14619



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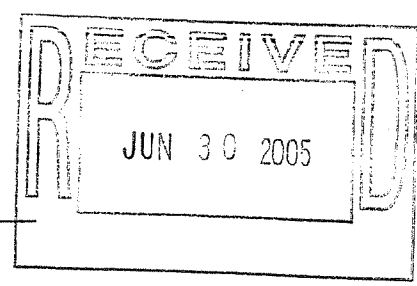
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Sincerely,

Signature Carol Luciano

Print Name Carol Luciano

Print Address 1030th 1036 Genesee Street 14611



I am so excited that the riverfront is being developed like other large cities. This will greatly improve the neighborhood and attract many people coming to enjoy the beauty of the river and amenities to go with it.

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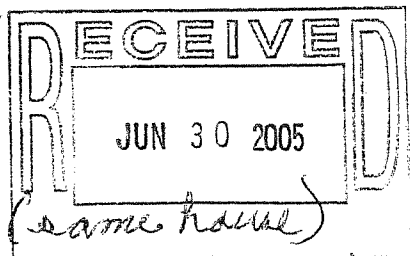
Sincerely,

Signature Mr. & Mrs. Theron Bartlett

Print Name Theron & Norma Bartlett

Print Address 107 Devon Rd.

Rochester, N.Y. 14619



We have lived here for 38 yrs. (same house)
have been waiting for these improvements. We
love the 19th ward and its diversity.

1294 Genesee Park Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14619
June 28, 2005

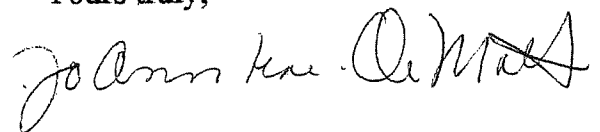
Dear Commissioner Ku,

I am writing in support of the Brooks Landing Revitalization Project. I currently volunteer much of my time at St. Monica Church on Genesee Street as their Coordinator of Liturgy. In addition, I have been a resident of the 19th Ward for twenty-nine years and have seen many changes in the neighborhood over the years. Some changes have presented opportunities for growth and excitement while others have offered discouragement and disappointment.

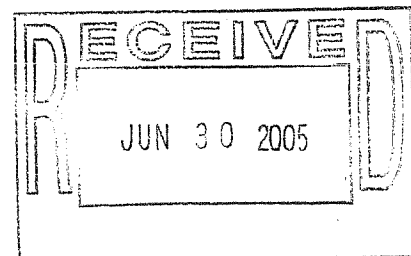
The Brooks Landing Project, which was introduced over twenty years ago when I first moved into the neighborhood, is finally becoming closer to being a reality. The support of community groups, business owners and neighbors, the street improvements, the store front facades and plans for the new retail businesses, entertainment and recreational areas all show a sign of what the community wants and needs and has been waiting for a long, long time.

I feel that the perceived loss of parkland is a non-issue, as the 1.4 acres in question are largely covered by the four-lane S. Plymouth Ave. that has no access to the river or other areas available for recreational use. I personally am looking forward to the public riverfront walkway and the growth of a bright and prosperous future of my neighborhood and my city with the completion of the Brooks Landing Project.

Yours truly,



JoAnn Kane-DeMott



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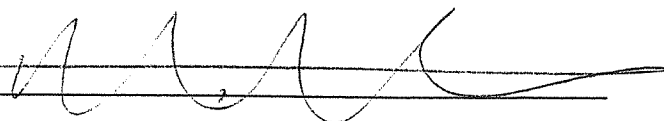
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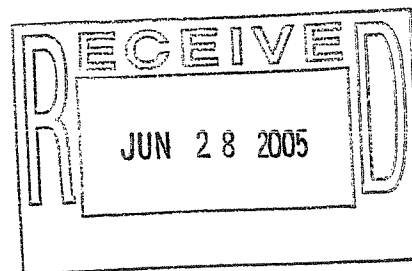


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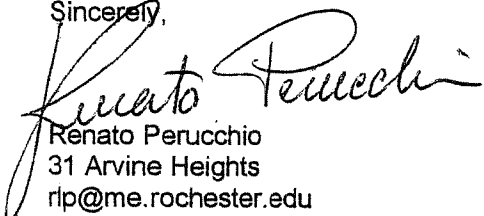
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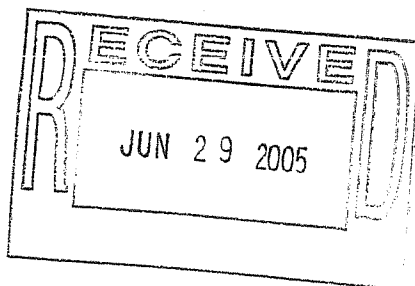
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Among many changes, street improvements to resolve traffic flow issues that are underway have not had a major impact on my daily commute to work. In fact, our family, and especially my children, look forward to enjoying increased access to the riverfront park land that the reconfiguration of Plymouth Avenue will provide. In addition, I'm very excited about the plans for increased retail, recreational and entertainment use of the area. 1,3

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Sincerely,


Renato Perucchio
31 Arvine Heights
rip@me.rochester.edu



J. KENT STARBIRD EA
PO BOX 24365
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14624
TEL: 585-235-3824
FAX 585-527-9116
E-MAIL: Birdspad@aol.com

June 27, 2005

Commissioner Fashun Ku
Department of Economic Development
City Hall Room 005-A
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Dear Commissioner Ku,

I am a commercial property owner (917-921 Genesee Street) in the Brooks Landing Revitalization Project. I have been in the same location for the past 38 years, and am in complete support of this program. I attended the first meetings regarding this program in 1984, and it gives me great pleasure to see this project moving forward.

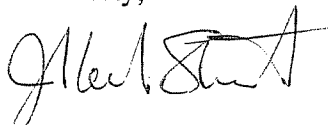
Last year I benefited from the City Commercial Building Renovation Program, and can say nothing but good things about how pleased I was with the job. Each individual representing the City, the Architect, and the contractor did a wonderful job.

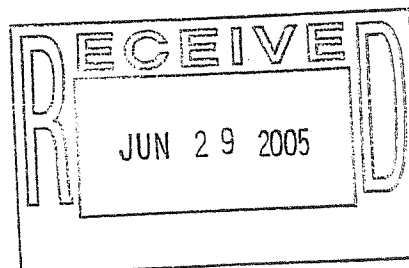
The temporary inconvenience resulting from the street improvements are insignificant in comparison to the end result and anticipated improvement to the area and to the area business.

The loss of a small amount of land in the County Park is offset by the significantly greater benefit the population will experience with the river access and improvements.

I can be contacted at the above numbers with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,


J. Kent Starbird



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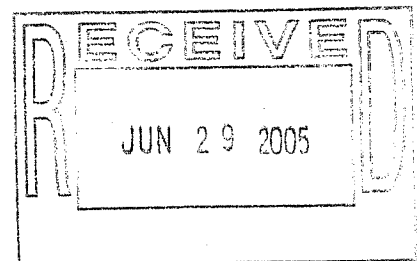
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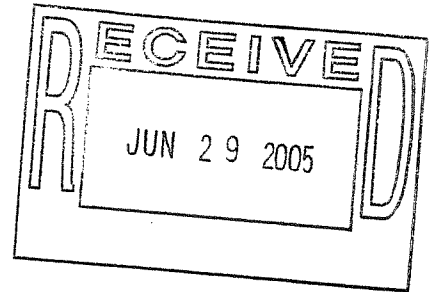
Sincerely,

Signature Mary Judith Abbott
Print Name MARY JUDITH ABBOTT
Print Address 170 GENESEE PK BLVD.
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14619-2406



P.S. I moved to 1193 Genesee St in Oct. 1961.
170 Genesee Pk Blvd 1978. Still there.
Will be retiring from Strong Memorial Hospital
Sept. 30, 2005! 50 years of service!

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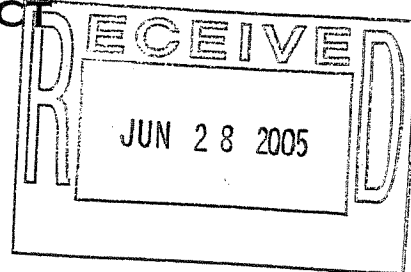
Signature Bonnie Steltzer
 Print Name Bonnie Steltzer
 Print Address 416 Baslow Street
Rochester N.Y. 14619

*This comment is
 regarding the project
 but regarding city work
 is construction work*

*It's wonderful.
 I've only been a resident
 here 12 yrs. but I think it
 is great.
 I just wish it didn't
 coincide with the repaving
 and curbing of S. Plymouth
 Avenue. I need S. Plymouth
 to get to work. I use my
 bicycle. Riding from
 Barton to Brooks on S.
 Plymouth is like riding a
 bucking bronc. I hope that
 will change soon.*

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Signature

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Print Name

CAPTAIN J. WHITENER
ENGINE 7 FIREHOUSE

Print Address

873 GENESEE ST.

ROCHESTER, NY 14611

★ PLEASE CONSIDER A BOAT LAUNCH IN AREA FOR
EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
HAS NO LAUNCH SITE CURRENTLY FOR EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS. THANK YOU HW.

any benefit that could
equal the Brook, Landing
Project.

Thank you for your service to the
city and for implementation
of this much needed project.

Sincerely,

Virginia Spencer

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Very forward
with the planned
development would
be a great step
to address and
adequately will
needed much
needed in
needed areas.

Help of park
and. Advanced
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528 Green Park Blvd
Boulder, CO 80501
June 25, 2005

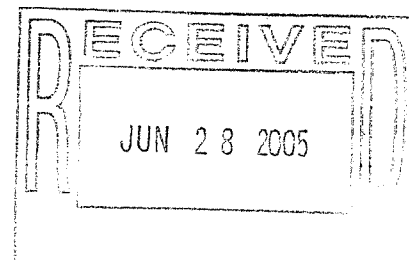
Dear Council,

As a long time
resident of the city
ward I would like
to express my
department to
address the Brook
Landing project.

This area is one
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in our ward that
indicates a decline
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Print Address 1139 North Rd.

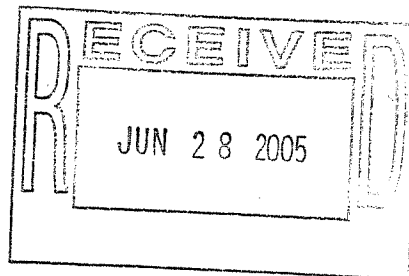
Scotts., NY 14546

Owner: 10754 1057 Genesee St.

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IN SUPPORT OF THE BROOKS LANDING REVITALIZATION PROJECT

June 23, 2005



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Sincerely, We have invested our time and energy into Genesee St for over 20 years in anticipation of this revitalization!

Signature Ford Kinney

Print Name Ford Kinney

Print Address owner 1075 Genesee St since 1980

owner 1057 Genesee St since 1995

member Genesee Corridor Business Assoc

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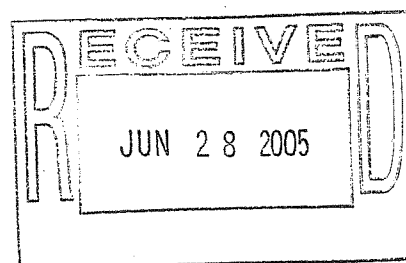
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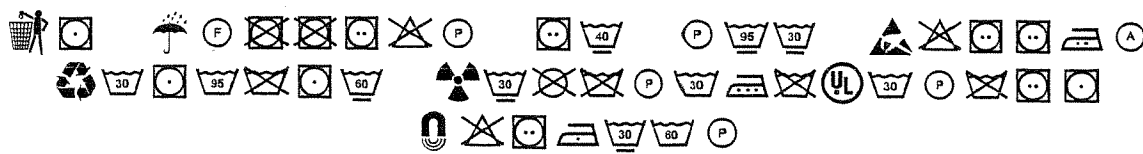
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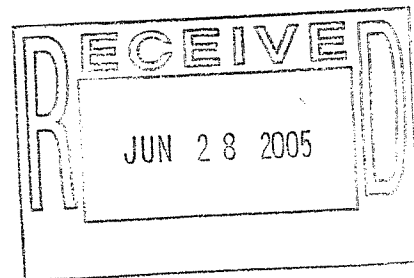
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Sincerely,

Marlene Scott

Name Marlene Scott
Address 96 Burlington Ave
e-mail marlene.scott@URmc.Rochester.edu

P.S. I have lived in the 19th ward my entire life. I would love to see it return to the wonderful neighborhood I grew up in. This could be accomplished by improving the commercial areas like Genesee St and Thurston Rd.

IN SUPPORT OF THE BROOKS LANDING REVITALIZATION PROJECT

June 27, 2005

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Department of Economic Development
City Hall Room 005-A
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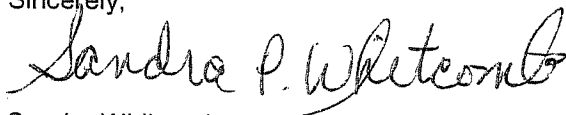
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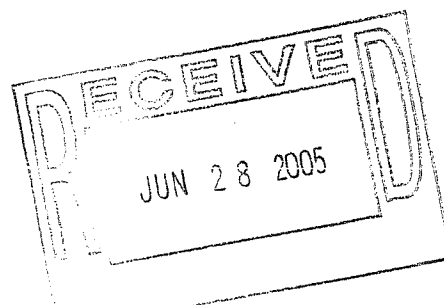
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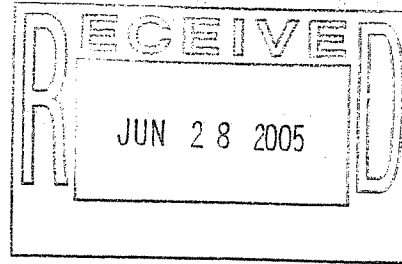


Sandra Whitcomb
203 Inglewood Drive
Rochester, NY 14619



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June 25, 2005

Commissioner Fashun Ku
Department of Economic Development
City Hall Room 005-A
30 Church Street
Rochester NY 14614



Dear Commissioner Ku,

I would like to express my support for the Brooks Landing project. The 19th ward is a vibrant and diverse Rochester community, and this project is important to me personally and to the community. We're tired of looking at run down, vacant store fronts and littered, decaying buildings. I work hard to keep my house and yard looking nice, and I know most of my neighbors do too. I pick up trash when I see it on the street. But the corner of Genesee St. and Brooks Ave. has been an eyesore for too long. 6

The people of this community have worked assiduously for years to see this project take off, and it would be a tragedy if it were stalled now. I hear there is a concern about a loss of park land, but really what land would be lost to Brooks Landing can hardly be considered park. There is only a thin stretch of grass next to a 4 lane road, which doesn't even appear to be part of Genesee Valley Park. 33

The 19th ward is really a gem hidden among the rocks. I believe it has the potential to become one of Rochester's most sought-after neighborhoods. It's close to the University of Rochester, the areas largest employer, as well as downtown, and numerous other local destinations. It's homes have that 1920's charm with their front porches, leaded glass windows, and gumwood trim. It is also the most wonderfully diverse neighborhood I have ever seen. Brooks landing will play a large part in the revival of this neighborhood and could be the beginning of a real renewal which will hopefully lead to economic revival and a return to city living. 6

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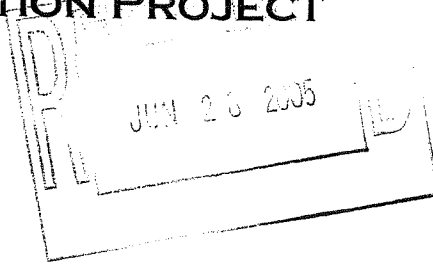
Mark and Linda Kroenke

588 Genesee Park Blvd
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Signature

Christian Zwaalen Christian Zwaalen

Print Name

Mr & Mrs. Christian & Tanya Zwaalen

Print Address

139 Caroline Street Rochester NY 14620

(parishioners of Saint Monica Church)

Barbara J. Jones
Vice President
Community Development Group

June 24, 2005

Fashun Ku, Commissioner
Department of Economic Development
City of Rochester
30 Church Street Room 005A
Rochester, NY 14614

Dear Fashun:

I have taken time from what is a fairly busy schedule to write this letter in support of the Brooks Landing development in south west Rochester.

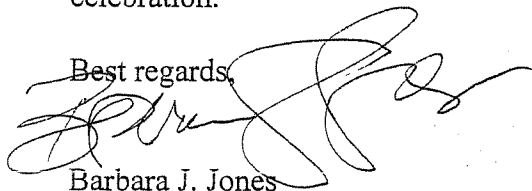
JPMorgan Chase has provided financial support to Sector 4 Community Development Corporation since 1998, in-kind support for printing and communication initiatives, as well as human capital with various employees serving as volunteer members of the Board of Directors. Most recently, I have served as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

My association with Sector 4 Community Development Corporation has enabled me to have first hand knowledge about the high degree of community involvement in, and support for the Brooks Landing development. Through a variety of community meetings, community charettes, and informal and formal small group and one-on-one meetings, residents have expressed their overwhelming support for this development.

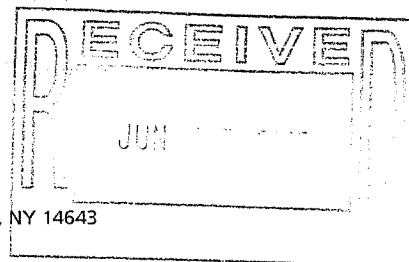
I support the Brooks Landing development because it will bring needed employment opportunities to the area, further cement the relationship between the University of Rochester and the south west neighborhood, and stabilize the revitalization of commercial businesses and residential housing on Genesee Street. I am also in favor of the Brooks Landing development since it will result in reduced traffic on Plymouth Avenue and more green space than is currently accessible.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support of the Brooks Landing development during this public comment period. I also eagerly look forward to the ground breaking celebration.

Best regards,



Barbara J. Jones



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Alice Carli
199 Warwick Avenue
Rochester, NY 14611

Commissioner Fashun Ku
Department of Economic Development
City Hall Room 005-A
30 Church Street
Rochester NY 14614

24 June, 2005

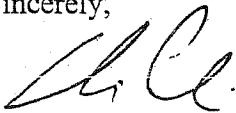
Dear Commissioner Ku,

I understand that the Brooks Landing Project is undergoing its final 30-day public review, and want to register my support for the project. I live about 15 blocks northwest of that area (since 1992) but drive through it frequently on the way to Genesee Park where I go walking with my daughter, and the University of Rochester where I use the library and sometimes attend meetings. I had always liked the stretch of Plymouth Avenue that runs along the river, and been pleased to see the walking bridge at the corner of Brooks and Plymouth, but been dismayed by the immediate transition from pleasant green to run-down under-utilized strip as one hits Genesee Street. 3

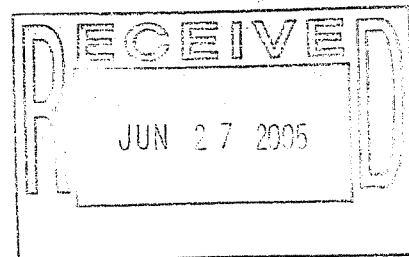
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I've noted that the street changes seem to involve rerouting traffic along Genesee Street, rather than right along the river. I was at first concerned that this was because the riverfront area would be cut off as part of a private development, but have since understood that it simply is moving the heavier, higher speed 4-lane traffic away from the river, but continuing to allow recreational access. Actually, I imagine having the riverfront street be smaller would make it easier to get to the river along that bank, something that I would like very much. I'd certainly like to see the project be able to come to completion after all of these years of planning! 63

Sincerely,



Alice Carli



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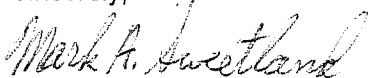
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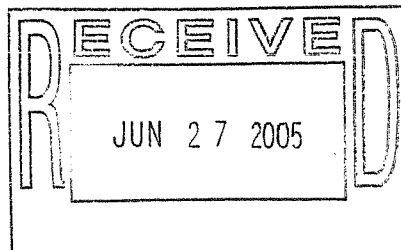
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Mark A. Sweetland
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Rochester NY 14619

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295 Melrose Street
Rochester, NY 14619

June 25, 2005

Fashun Ku
Commissioner of Economic Development
City Hall Room 005-A
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614

Re: Brooks Landing Project

I write as a resident of the 19th Ward, and as a pastor, to express my unqualified support for the Brooks Landing Project. This project, the result of much community planning and dreaming, will result in redevelopment of Genesee Street and the surrounding neighborhood. There are signs of this already in anticipation of the project.] 7

A city is only as strong as its neighborhoods and by providing an economic stimulus to the 19th Ward one is strengthening a keystone city neighborhood. Economic development of this type results in more local jobs and a better neighborhood and living environment.] 6

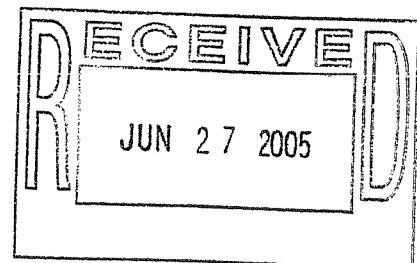
In my estimation the alleged loss of parkland is not a significant loss when compared to the tremendous gain to the quality of life for the neighborhood. The "lost" park land in question in no way impacts the use or enjoyment of Genesee Valley Park and its facilities. In fact the adjustment will actually result in river and recreational access for the neighborhood resulting in a greater enjoyment of the parkland and riverfront.] 3

I strongly urge the approval and quick start to this important project for the 19th Ward.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Donald B. Hill, B.C.C.



265 Melrose Street
Rochester, NY 14619
June 16, 2005

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Fashun Ku, Commissioner
Economic Development Department
City Hall, Room 005A
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614-1290
RE: Brooks Landing Revitalization Project

Dear Mr. Ku

I am writing to express support for the Brooks Landing development and the requested conversion of parkland. The little more than one acre of "parkland" in question does not in fact serve as parkland, has no amenities, and contains as its primary feature a four-lane road that carries vehicles traveling at 30-45 mph. This parcel was added on years after the original park design was completed, and provides no direct connection to the main park. In addition, both the National Association for Olmstead Parks and the local Landmark Society are on record in support of this conversion.

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The proposed project will transform this area by adding a boardwalk along the river, improved bike trail, boat docking facilities, historic markers, benches, lighting, public art, and other features. By changing the path of the road, traffic will be slowed significantly creating a true "Park Road" allowing more opportunity to enjoy the remaining parkland. The rerouting will also provide parking for the two existing softball fields that are located nearby. Over the past month since the roadwork near this area has started, I have traveled through the area daily. I have not experienced any significant delays during the morning or evening rush times. Once the work is completed I would not expect any delays at all.

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This project is located in the 19th Ward, a racially integrated, diverse neighborhood in Rochester. Our neighborhood has a long history of active community involvement and in fact the 19th Ward Community Association is observing its 40th anniversary this year. As you know, there has been talk of revitalizing this area for more than 20 years, and several different plans have started and stalled. During this time the surrounding commercial area deteriorated significantly and most of the businesses left.

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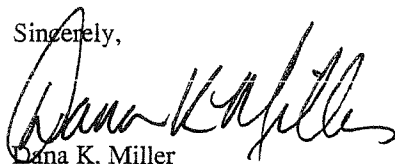
In the year 2000, in the true spirit of community empowerment, hundreds of neighbors participated in a "Design Charrette" to create the currently proposed design. Hundreds more have remained actively involved as they anxiously await the reconstruction. Since 2000, through the joint efforts of the City's Economic Development Department and the community we have been able to rehab several storefronts and are now starting to see some positive change. These efforts will have gone for naught if the parkland conversion is not completed, and the remainder of the project is not built. We expect the proposed hotel and restaurant to stabilize the adjacent commercial area and provide an anchor for the remaining planned retail and office development.

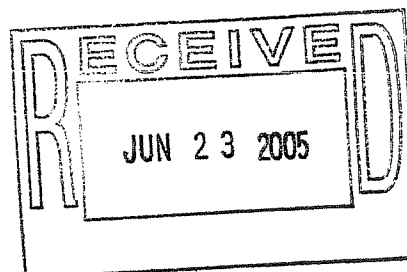
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We have reviewed the Environmental Assessment, and believe that this project will positively impact our area. In stating this, we think about the long history of community involvement in this project, the overwhelming community support for this project, and the ability for this development to revitalize our neighborhood of over 37,000 people. We consider the over 800 acres of Genesee Valley Park to be one of our neighborhood's most important assets and do not take lightly the loss of any part of the park, but we believe that the conversion of this acre is well worth the benefit to the greater community.

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Sincerely,


Dana K. Miller



1220 Genesee Street
Rochester, NY 14611 47
June 21, 2005

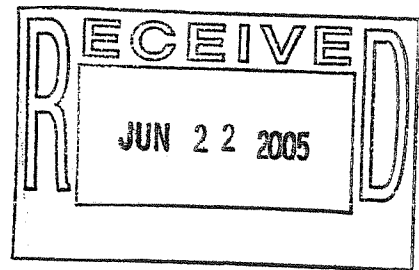
Re: Brooks Landj Project

I have been a resident of the Genesee - Brooks Area for over 20 years. I have enjoyed the neighborhood except for one major drawback, the lack of shops within walking distance.

I enthusiastically endorse the Brooks Landj Project. I look forward to being able to walk to restaurants and coffee shops. These venues will revitalize the neighborhood bringing a better sense of community. It will enhance property values and enrich the 19th Ward population.

Please make this project a reality.

Sincerely,
Gerald J. Weaver



33 Grandview Terrace
Rochester, New York 14611-4109
June 18, 2005

Fashun Ku, Commissioner
Economic Development
City Hall
Rochester, New York 14614-1290

Re: Brooks Landing Revitalization Project

I am totally in favor of the Brooks Landing Revitalization Project. I had no idea that the 1.38 acre conversion site was a part of Genesee Valley Park. It certainly is not integral to the park, nor does it serve any purpose as far as I have seen in the twenty-seven years that I have lived here. (Please see the attached letter to Ms. Jean Sokolowski. There might be some minor inaccuracies here, but I stand by the thrust of it.)

Because the proposed Project is within a neighborhood, and because many of the residents are actively committed to our community and its economic and social health, this Project could very well be the "tipping point" in making the area another jewel within the City of Rochester. It already is, though one might consider it a "diamond in the rough."

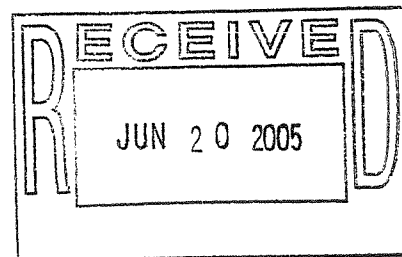
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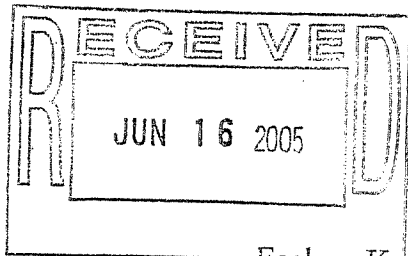
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Nichthauser
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Margery F Rosen
182 Edgerton St
Rochester NY 14607

June 15, 2005

~~Fashun Ku~~
Economic Development Dept
City Hall Room 005A
30 Church St
Rochester NY 14614-1290

RE: Commetn on Environmental Assessment for
Park Conversion to enable Brooks Landing

Dear Mr Ku:

I have reviewed the Executive Summary of the Environmental Assessment and all of the graphic exhibits furnished with it. I strongly support the land exchange proposed. I have visited turning point park, and made the observation that the Replacement Parcel is vital to the continued preservation of this beautiful shoreline of the turning basin. Furthermore, as a frequent visitor to Genesee Valley Park, I find that the 1.38 conversion area will never be missed.

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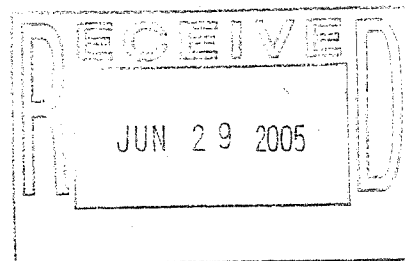
Sincerely,


Margery F Rosen

(I and my husband own four homes in the immediate vicinity, all of which were purchased subsequent to foreclosure. Our active management of these four properties in the area proximate to Brooks and Genesee indicates to us that the neighborhood is in the midst of stabilization and renewal for occupancy primarily by families. The Brooks Landing proposal will undoubtedly help that process of neighborhood stabilization.)

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 Print Address 224 Roslyn St.
ROCHESTER, NY 14619

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